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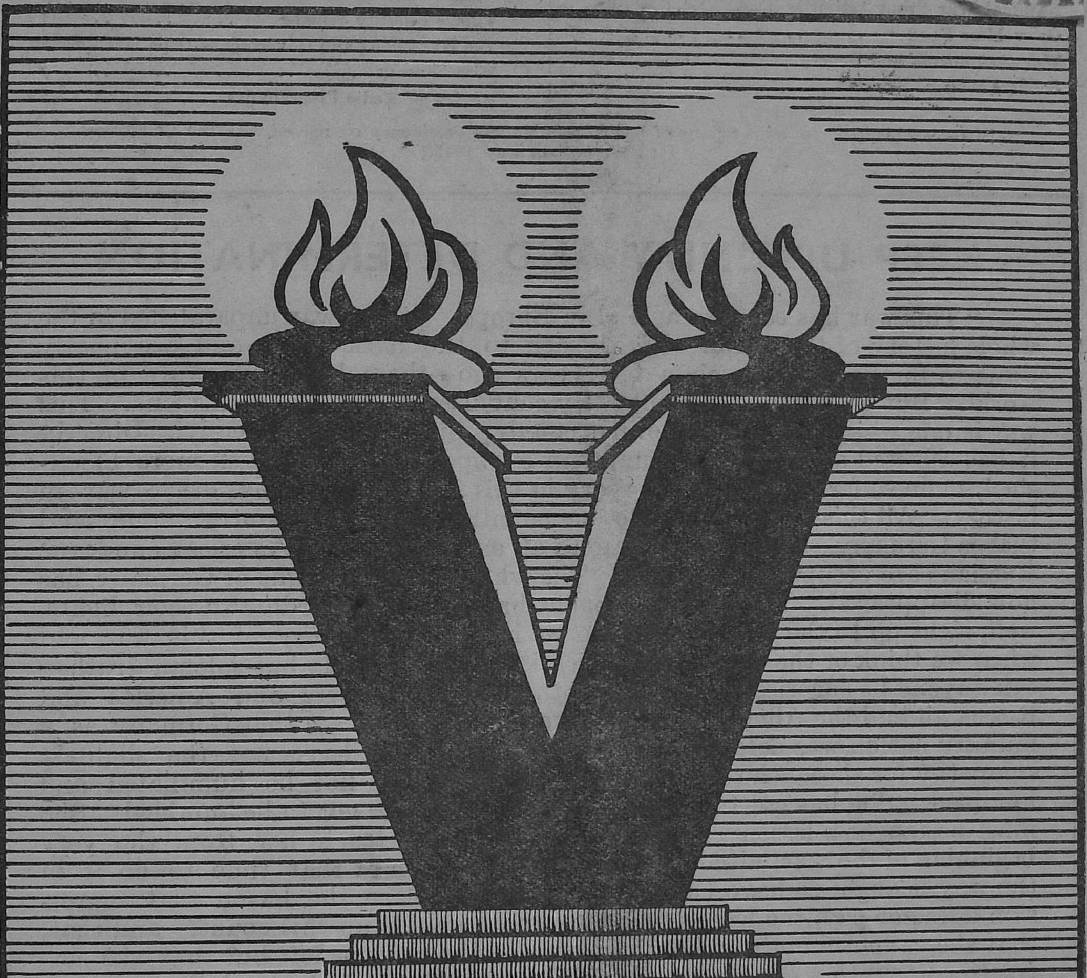
A MONTHLY REVIEW RECORDING THE MADRAS WAR EFFORT



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[NOTE.—This issue contains reports of activities in Madras Presidency connected with the War Effort for the month of May 1945.]

KEEP UP UNITY AND DETERMINATION

"This war has come to an end in Europe. It is a war unparalleled in the whole history of the world. Right back to the dark ages—and we nearly came to the dark ages again a few years ago—there had been wars in this world. But no war has so completely convulsed this world as this one. This war is one which has affected every country directly or indirectly. Directly it has affected almost every country in Europe. There has been more bloodshed, more suffering and more misery in this war than in any other war in history. All this has been due to one country, and one country alone, and that is Germany. Now it has come to an end and we, the Americans and the Russians are occupying Germany. The whole military might of Germany has now disappeared. The Germans fought bravely and according to their lights, well, right up to the end. But when we look at the history of this war and when we think of the atrocities—which is not propaganda but solemn truth—can anyone be surprised that we in the British Empire and America and Russia and all the Allied countries were determined to see that Germany as a military nation was defeated once and for all ? I have not the slightest sympathy for those who say that Germany should not be humiliated and humbled. She has got to be humiliated and she has got to be humbled. She must be taught a lesson which we were trying to teach her from the very beginning of the war, although we had not the men at that time to do it in the way it ought to have been done. She must learn the lesson that aggression does not pay, the lesson that she cannot gobble up this country and that, that she cannot dictate to her neighbour on the right or left but that she has got to come into a comity of nations by becoming a decently civilised nation. That is the lesson we want her to learn. She has learnt it in the last few years by the bombs which descended on her. She has learnt it from the invasion from the east, south and west. She has learnt it from the occupation by Allied armies and she will go on learning that lesson for many a long year to come until finally all militarism and aggression is completely eradicated from her system. That may take a long time."

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"Now I know very well that the future is not very clear. I know very well that out here, both you, who belong to India and we, Britishers, whether civilians or soldiers, sailors or airmen, have got to defeat those people out there in the East, the Japs. We have got to defeat the Japanese in the same way as we have defeated the Germans. The Japanese are the Germans of Asia. They have the same ideas, the same ambitions, the same terrorism, the same brutality and the same bestiality as anybody who has been in their hands will testify to. They have got to be beaten in the same way as the Germans have been. It may take a long or short time. With the defeat of Germany great forces are being released who shall come out here to finish the Japanese war quicker than we hope or expect. But that war has got to be won in the same way as the German war and we have to keep that end in view. We have got to keep up unity and determination. We must not suffer from war weariness which seems to have affected almost every country victor or vanquished in the past few days. The Japanese have got to be defeated and defeated by the same unity of strategy, of man-power, of determination and will. I hope that this war will end before very long."

—H.E. SIR ARTHUR HOPE, *in his speech delivered on the occasion of the V.E. Day celebration meeting in Madras on 14th May 1945.*

A Monthly Review of the Madras War Effort

V.E. Celebrations at Calicut.

Madras Governor's War Fund

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements as on 28th May 1945.

Receipts.

From districts as under (including amounts previously collected for His Excellency the Governor's War Charities Appeal Fund) :—

	RS.	A.	P.
Coimbatore	24,03,210	13	4
Madras	23,49,548	1	2
East Godavari	22,35,898	3	4
Kistna	21,57,445	10	7
West Godavari	21,43,169	14	7
Vizagapatam	18,41,135	9	2
Tanjore	17,91,616	15	10
Guntur	17,14,771	10	3
Tinnevelly	17,08,114	11	11
Madura	15,66,040	12	2
Kurnool	15,22,156	10	10
Ramnad	14,22,161	5	0
Malabar	11,89,947	14	0
Trichinopoly	11,78,143	10	7
North Arcot	11,75,768	1	4
Nellore	10,59,488	3	6
Salem	10,36,509	14	2
Chingleput	9,06,652	6	5
South Kanara	8,95,407	10	7
South Arcot	8,72,931	5	0
Bellary	7,90,797	12	4
Cuddapah	7,69,903	2	5
Anantapur	7,18,446	3	5
Nilgiris	6,88,718	13	2
Chittoor	5,91,814	4	1
Travancore	1,12,154	10	9
Bangalore-Mysore-Coorg	28,720	7	9
Total, Receipts ..	3,48,70,724	13	8

Disbursements.

	RS.	A.	P.
By His Excellency the Governor's War Charities Appeal Fund ..	2,52,060	13	6
By the Madras Governor's War Fund—			
To Air Ministry, London, for cost of Aircraft for Madras Squadrons ..	1,81,33,333	5	4
To Specific charities in accordance with the wishes of donors and to the Joint War Charities Committee ..	69,81,347	15	4
To Indian Air Force ..	18,50,000	0	0
To Government of India (Defence Department) for purchase of Armoured Carriers ..	4,10,000	0	0
To Madras Flying Club on account of Scholarships, Trainer Aircraft Parachutes and other equipment for training flying instructors ..	3,08,971	3	1
To His Excellency the Viceroy's War Purposes Fund, etc., for Indian Defence purposes earmarked in accordance with the wishes of donors ..	14,426	14	11

Disbursements—cont.

	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
By the Madras Governor's War Fund—*cont.*						
To Joint War Charities Committee on account of "Amenities for Troops" earmarked in accordance with the wishes of donors ..				46,55,388	10	11
To Relief of evacuees ..				1,55,666	6	5
To Sundry payments for which sanction has been accorded ..				84,418	8	10
Total, Disbursements ..				3,28,45,613	14	4
To Cost of Government of India 3 months' Treasury Bills for the face value of Rs. 6½ lakhs ..	6,49,492	3	0			
Balance ..	13,75,618	12	4			
				20,25,110	15	4
Total ..				3,48,70,724	13	8

His Excellency the Governor's Tours

Accompanied by the Hon'ble Lady Hope, His Excellency travelled to Madras from Ootacamund on May 12th to preside over the celebrations in connection with the victory in Europe. On Sunday, May 13th, His Excellency attended a thanksgiving service at St. George's Cathedral. On the morning of Monday, May 14th, His Excellency took the salute at a march past of a representative parade of civil and military units. In the afternoon of the same day, His Excellency and the Hon'ble Lady Hope drove in state to a public meeting attended by a large gathering of the citizens of Madras. In his address to the meeting His Excellency reviewed the course of events in Europe leading up to the defeat of Germany, thanked the people of the Presidency for their generous support of the War Effort, and concluded with an appeal for unity and co-operation in prosecuting the war against Japan.

His Excellency camped in the Coimbatore district on May 28th and 29th. On the forenoon of the 28th, His Excellency paid a visit of inspection to the Third Madras Regimental Centre at Madukkarai, and in the afternoon he inspected a cement works situated in the same place.

On the morning of the 29th, at Tirupur, His Excellency met the local municipal councillors and the members of the Cotton Market Committee, from both of whom he received addresses of welcome, declared open newly constructed rat-proof godowns, inaugurated a cotton trading scheme and distributed prizes to winners at the All-India Regional Cattle Show.

A sum of Rs. 15,001 was presented to His Excellency by the public of Tirupur.

National Savings Movement

Savings Drive 1944–45

Last year's Savings Drive resulted in a total collection of Rs. 15·3 crores against a target of Rs. 20 crores. Five districts, viz., Chingleput, Nellore, Guntur, South Kanara and Trichinopoly exceeded their targets. Of the total of 15·3 crores, the sales of National Savings Certificates amounted to Rs. 2·36 crores

The total collections from 1st April this year under the various heads amounted to:—

	RS.
Three per cent Second Victory Loan (up to 26th May 1945).	35,38,500
National Savings Certificates (up to 26th May 1945) ..	30,42,195
Defence Savings Bank (April)	32,248
Five-Year Interest-free prize bonds (April)	1,07,170
Three-Year Interest-free bonds (April)	2,608
Collective subscriptions (April)	1,636
Total ..	67,24,357

Small Savings Scheme

Authorized Agents.—The number of authorized agents appointed under the scheme continued to increase. So far 26,309 agents have been appointed. In most of the Government offices, Government Officers have been appointed as authorized agents for collections in their offices and commission earned by them is being credited to His Excellency the Governor's War Fund.

Banks.—Several banks have themselves agreed to work as authorized agents instead of appointing some one of their employees for the purpose.

Ootacamund Flower Show and Tiruppur Cattle Fair.—A Savings Booth was run on the grounds of the Ootacamund Flower Show with the help of the Postal department and the National War Front staff. Arrangements were made to run a Savings Publicity Hut in the Tiruppur Cattle Fair.

Defence Loans Commissioner's Tours.—The Defence Loans Commissioner toured the districts of Trichinopoly, Ramnad, North Arcot and Chittoor.

MADRAS.—The Madras City Defence Loans Sub-Committee met once on each fortnight during the month under review and transacted routine work.

CHINGLEPUT.—A sum of Rs. 1,15,407 has been collected for the current financial year.

CUDDAPAH.— Intensive propaganda was done to secure good collection under Victory Loans and Small Savings Scheme, etc.

WEST GODAVARI.—An amount of Rs. 1,10,800 was collected in May 1945 towards 3 per cent Victory Loan and an amount of Rs. 17,070 was subscribed towards National Savings Certificates. A further amount of Rs. 1,722 was invested in other form of loans. Thus the total investments up to the end of May 1945 amounted to Rs. 52,85,813.

GUNTUR.—The II Victory Loan was in progress.

KURNOOL.—Collections to the various forms of Defence Savings amounted to Rs. 3,50,990 during the month.

MALABAR.—The general Savings Campaign both under the Small Savings Scheme and the Madras (Canvassers) Savings Campaign was in progress.

TANJORE.—Collections under all the forms of savings were in progress. Formation of vigillance committees for purposes of the small savings scheme continued.

TINNEVELLY.—The amounts invested in the various forms of Defence Savings during the month were as follows:—

	RS.	A.	P.
National Savings Certificates	53,595	0	0
Defence Savings Bank Deposits	647	0	0
Three per cent Second Victory Loan	16,162	1	4
Subscription to Interest-free bonds	2,190	0	0
Collective subscriptions	284	8	0
Total ..	72,788	9	4

TRICHINOPOLY.—Wide propaganda was made by the staff of the National War Front on the National Savings Scheme and the Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars took keen interest in this branch of work.

VIZAGAPATAM.—All the Revenue Divisional Officers and Taluk Officers were instructed to intensify the savings drive.

Photo taken on the occasion of the V.E. Day celebrations at Polur on 13th May 1945. In the photo are seen Mr. Y.B. Gurusami Reddiar, Honorary Taluk Organiser, N.W.F. and Mr. P. Mammen, B.A., Tahsildar of Polur.

V-E. DAY AT ANANTAPUR

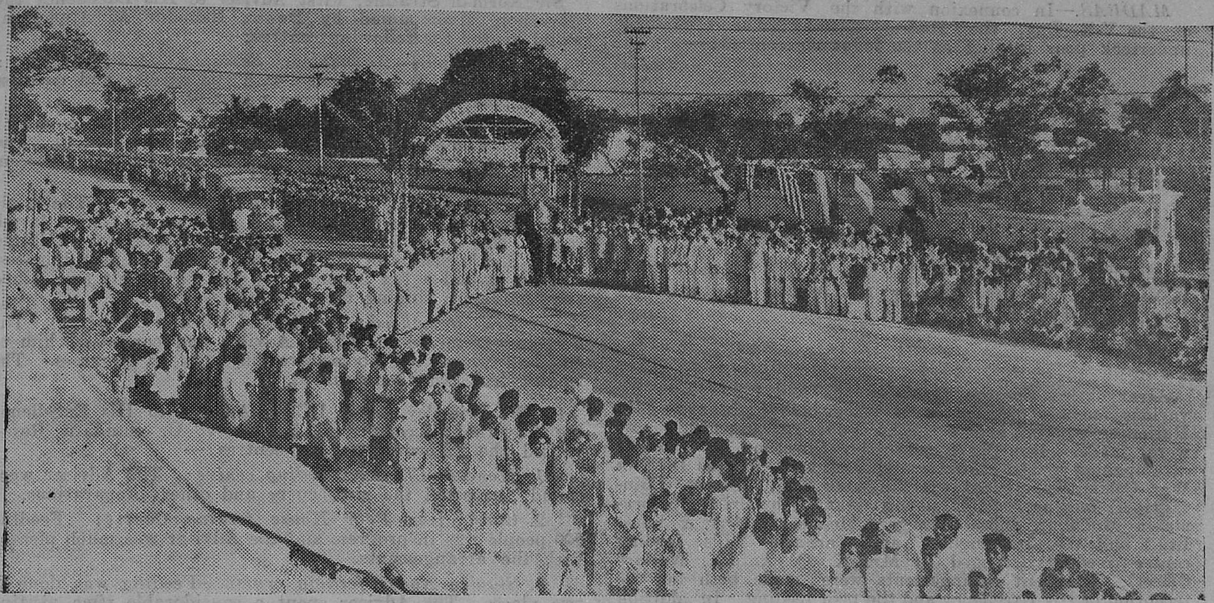
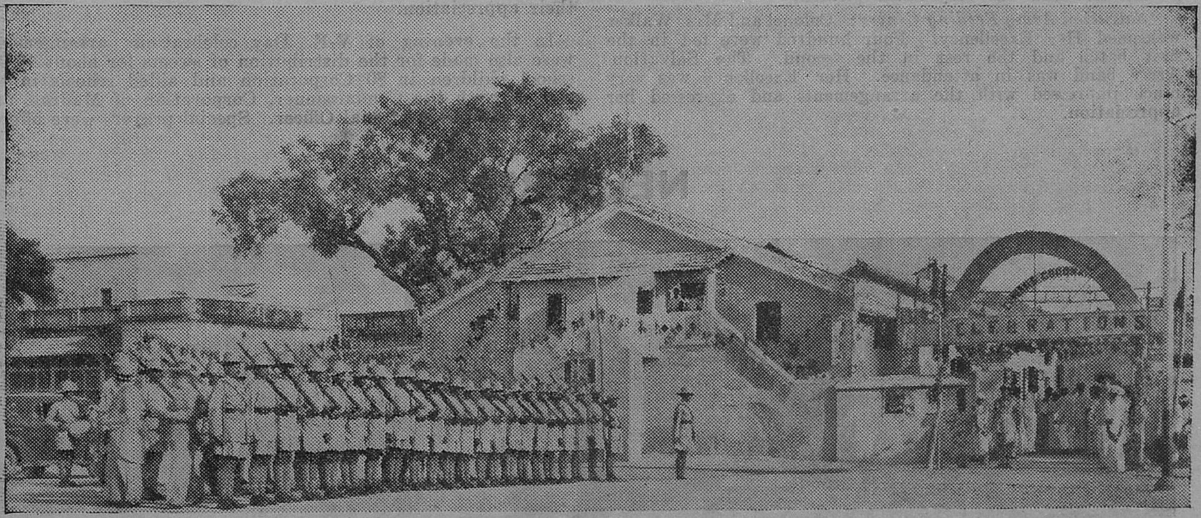
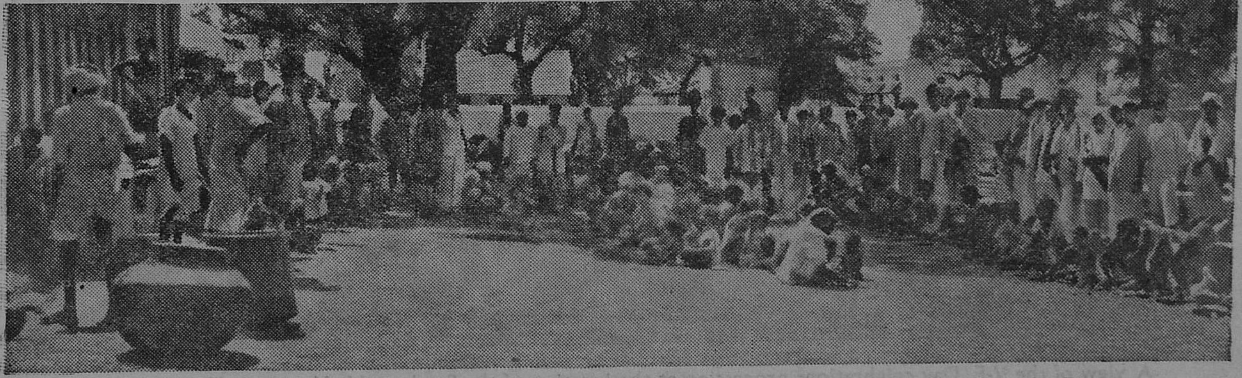


Photo shows a portion of the gathering which assembled to witness the celebrations.



Guard of Honour.



Poor feeding.

National War Front Activities

MADRAS.—In connexion with the Victory Celebrations on the V-E. Day, the Madras District War Committee undertook poor feeding at the following centres:—

		Number fed.
1.	Y.M.C.A. Royapettah	1,350
2.	Madras Rational Society, Stanley Nagar, Washermanpet ..	700
3.	Kalyanamantapam, Singanna Chetti Street, Chintadripet (feeding arranged by Sri M. Subramania Mudaliyar).	700
4.	P. M. Fernandez (feeding at Choolai Medu, Nungambakkam).	600
5.	Monegar Choultry, Washermanpet	300
6.	Corporation Poor House, Tondiarpet	200
7.	Chennapuri Annadhana Samajam, Park Town	550
8.	Purasawakam Annadhana Samajam, Purasawakam	600
9.	Triplicane Annadhana Samajam, Triplicane	250
10.	Buckingham and Carnatic Mills (feeding arranged by Mr. K. O. Antony, Welfare Officer.)	1,000
11.	Sri Ramakrishna Mission, Mylapore	500
12.	The Salvation Army, Vepery	600
13.	Feeding at 'Noels' (arranged by Rao Bahadur Albert Jesudasan, City Organizer, N.W.F.).	1,500
14.	Little Sisters of the Poor, Chetput	480
	Total ..	9,030

Arrangements for the supply of rice and firewood to the various feeding centres were made through the City Rationing Officer and excellent Police arrangements also were made. His Excellency the Governor of Madras accompanied by the Collector and President, Madras District War Committee, visited the Singanna Chetti Street (Chintadripet) feeding centre (feeding arranged by Sri M. Subramania Mudaliar, Office Manager, Messrs. P. Orr & Sons, Ltd.) and the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills feeding centre (feeding arranged by Mr. K. O. Antony, Welfare Officer). Excellent arrangements were made both for the reception of His Excellency and the poor feeding. In addition to these two centres, His Excellency visited the Monegar Choultry feeding centre.

His Excellency the Hon'ble Lady Hope accompanied by Sri S. Venkatesa Ayyangar visited the following two feeding centres:—

Y.M.C.A. Royapettah feeding centre: Her Excellency went round when the feeding was in progress, spent about 20 minutes and was very much pleased.

Salvation Army Feeding Centre: Colonel and Mrs. Walker welcomed Her Excellency. Four hundred were fed in the first batch and the rest in the second. The Salvation Army band was in attendance. Her Excellency was very much impressed with the arrangements and expressed her appreciation.

Sir Norman Strathie, First Adviser to His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Dewan Bahadur A. Appadurai Pillai visited the following centres:—

1. *Chennapuri Annadhana Samajam feeding Centre*: The Chief Adviser was struck with the variety and richness of the food served as also the quantity.

2. *Triplicane Annadana Samajam feeding Centre*: Meals were good and more than sufficient in quantity. The Trustees garlanded the Chief Adviser and took a photo on the occasion.

3. *Little Sisters of the Poor feeding Centre*: The meals were high class, carefully cooked and served on a lavish scale. The Chief Adviser admired the enthusiasm exhibited by the Little Sisters of the Poor in feeding the poor inmates. He also tasted a few spoonfuls of the rich meals and joined the inmates in singing the National Anthem.

4. *Sri Ramakrishna Mission feeding Centre*: The Secretary received the Chief Adviser and conducted him to the hall where the pooja ceremony was in progress. The feeding had just then finished.

G. W. Priestley, Esq., I.C.S., Adviser to His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Sri V. C. Sundara Rajan visited the following feeding centres:—

1. *Monegar Choultry feeding centre*: The Adviser went round, inspected the rice, curry and other preparations.

2. *Corporation Poor House feeding Centre*: Feeding 200 people was in progress and the Adviser was much pleased with the arrangements.

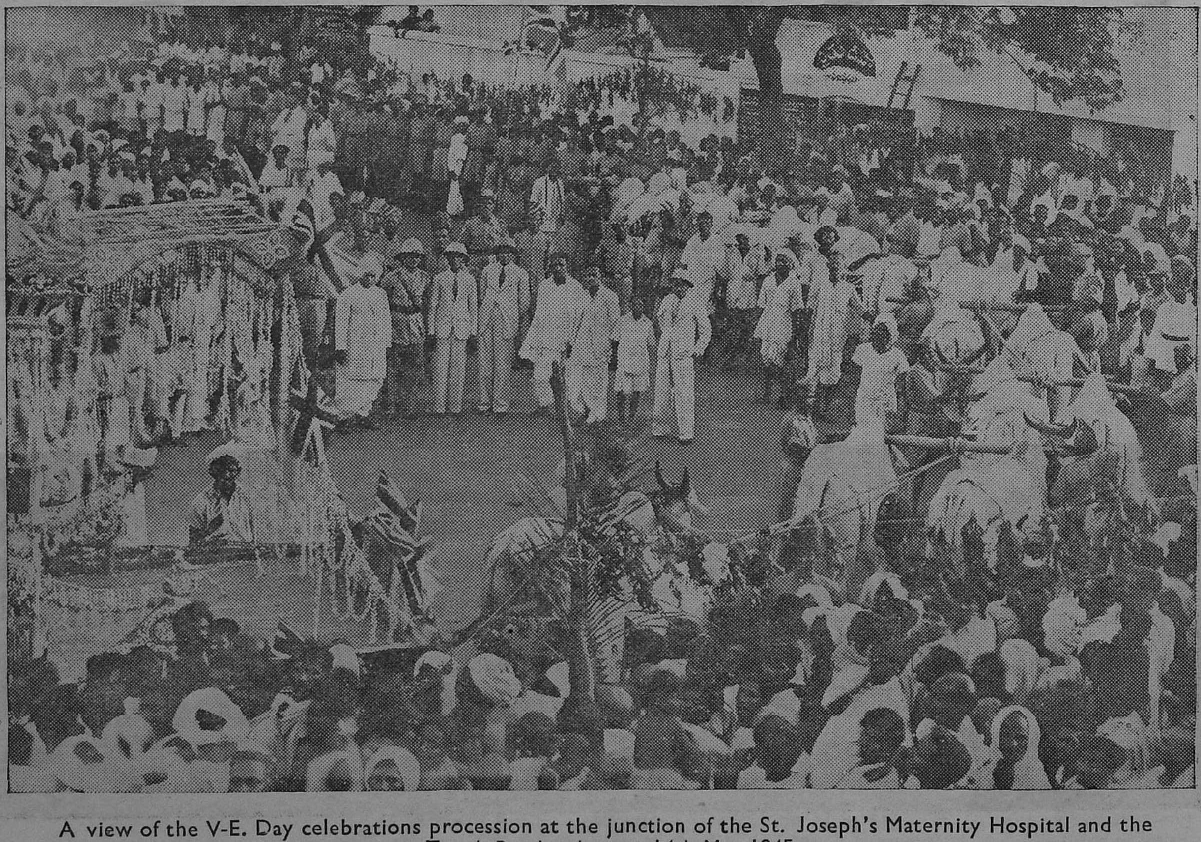
3. *Stanley Nagar feeding centre.*—Feeding was done in two places. The Adviser spent a considerable time visiting both the places and the room where the food was stored.

4. *Purasawakam Annadana Samajam feeding centre.*—About 500 poor were fed. Arrangements made were good.

His Excellency the Governor, Her Excellency the Hon'ble Lady Hope, Sir Norman Strathie and Mr. G. W. Priestley were very much pleased with the arrangements for the poor feeding in all the centres in the city they visited and expressed their appreciation.

In the evening of V-E. Day celebrations arrangements were also made for the distribution of sweets for about 10,000 school children in 80 Corporation and aided schools in the city through the Commissioner, Corporation of Madras, and the District Educational Officer. Special prayers were offered

NELLORE



A view of the V-E. Day celebrations procession at the junction of the St. Joseph's Maternity Hospital and the Trunk Road, taken on 14th May 1945.

in all the temples and mosques throughout the city on Monday, the 14th May 1945 in commemoration of the glorious victory of the Allies.

The total number of meetings held in Madras city for May 1945 was 255. The City Organizer addressed about 28 meetings in connection with V.E. day celebrations, etc. Mr. K. Kalyanasundaram (District Lecturer) addressed a total of 31 meetings; Mrs. T. S. Kunjitham, Lady Lecturer (Telugu), addressed 26 meetings; Mrs. C. Saraswathi, Lady Lecturer, (Tamil) addressed 37 meetings; Mrs. Mahaboobunisa Begum, Lady Lecturer (Muslims), addressed 27 meetings; Mr. T. Mohammed Ibrahim, Lecturer for Muslims, addressed 22 meetings; Mr. Rengappa, Lecturer for Telugu, addressed 24 meetings; Mr. C. M. Sankaralingam, Lecturer for students, addressed 30 meetings; Mr. S. P. I. Balagurusivam, Lecturer for Scheduled Classes, addressed 30 meetings.

Mr. A. M. Arokiaswami Pillai, Honorary Organizer for tannery workers, toured the Chingleput district, visiting the Saidapet, Sriperumbudur and Chingleput taluks between 12th and 31st instant. He visited 7 tanneries and 10 villages and held informal talks and meetings at all the places.

The Ballad Mistress, Mrs. Lalithakumari, sang war ballads in Tamil, Telugu and Urdu at all the van meetings and home talks she attended.

The celebration in connection with victory in Europe was conducted on a grand scale on 14th May 1945 befitting the occasion. Processions, poor feeding, distribution of sweets to children, sports, distribution of prizes to winners were some of the features of the victory celebrations. On the morning of 14th May 1945, there was a victory parade wherein His Excellency the Governor of Madras took the salute. In the evening after the close of the sports, His Excellency the Governor of Madras addressed a mammoth meeting.

BELLARY (EAST).—The National War Front office was under inspection by Rao Bahadur C. S. Hanumantha Rao, Accounts Officer, National War Front, Madras, from the 11th to the 16th.

The first quarterly refresher course was held at Harapanahalli, Bellary West area, for four days from the 21st to the 24th. The Collector, Rao Sahib R. D. Paul, inaugurated it. The District Organizer was on tour for 17 days and visited six places in connection with National War Front work. He addressed 15 meetings.

The District Lecturer, Mr. R. Samuel toured for 18 days, visited 16 villages, held 20 talks, inspected 4 reading circles, contacted 13 soldiers' families, visited 2 schools and distributed 300 pamphlets and 20 posters. He successfully conducted wrestling matches during the refresher course and propaganda van excursions to nearly villages and at Harpanahalli. Sri K. Venkata Ramiah, Additional Lecturer for Scheduled Castes, toured for 10 days, addressed 6 meetings, gave 3 talks, visited 4 reading circles and 7 soldiers' families. He toured in Bellary, Anantapur and Kurnool districts. Vidwan K. M. Karibasava Sastri, H.D.O., Bellary, toured for 13 days, visited 10 places, inspected 4 reading circles and 2 schools. He held 5 pial talks and contacted with 2 soldiers' families. He attended the refresher course at Harapanahalli for 1 day on 21st May 1945 when the Collector presided. The Taluk Propagandists toured the required number of days, addressed several public meetings, gave numerous talks, enquired into the welfare of about 50 soldiers' families and inspected the reading circles.

Sri D. L. N. Moorthi, the ballad master, toured for 21 days, visited 15 villages and addressed 4 meetings. He gave in all, 110 katha recitals.

BELLARY (WEST).—The District Organizer toured for 17 days, visited 13 places, delivered 18 public speeches, inspected 7 reading circles and 2 victory houses and visited 4 schools.

Sri L. Srinivasa Rao, the Kannada Lecturer, toured for 29 days, visited 20 villages and inspected 9 reading circles. He addressed 10 meetings and gave 14 informal talks. He attended to the collection of scrap from villages which he left in the custody of the village officers and enquired into military welfare cases. He organized two street dramas in the Hospet taluk. He attended the refresher course at Harpanahalli from 21st to 24th May. Sri Vedi Sriramulu of Harpanahalli toured for 16 days, visited 15 villages and inspected 8 reading circles. Sri Krishnamurthi of Bellary recited war ballads and songs at the refresher course. He joined the taluk propagandists on excursion to a nearby village and participated with them in singing good ballads. The taluk propagandists toured sufficiently, visited over 100 villages, addressed about 50 meetings and gave about 50 pial talks and inspected a number of reading circles. They attended the refresher course at Harpanahalli.

Sri S. Krishnamurthi, the Ballad Master, toured and visited some villages and taught and war ballads in the schools. He attended the refresher course at Harpanahalli from 21st to 24th.

CHINGLEPUT.—Propaganda meetings were held throughout the district as usual in accordance with the programme drawn up by the Divisional War Committees. Members of the District War Committee conducted the meetings successfully with the co-operation of the staff of the National War Front. Taking advantage of important festivals, "The Nadabavai" and the "Garuda Sevai" festivals at Conjeevaram propaganda meetings were held there at the time of these festivals and also a National War Front show was got up. Several exhibits from the Victory House at Chingleput were transported to Conjeevaram and the show was a grand success. The victory celebrations were also conducted during the month all over the district. The District Superintendent arranged a brilliant show at St. Thomas Mount, when the Sikh Light Infantry, the 8th Belfast Regiment, the Royal Indian Navy and the West African Regiment took part in the March past, the sports, etc.

The District Organizer was on tour for 18 days and visited the taluks of Saidapet, Chingleput, Conjeevaram, Madurantakam and Ponneri. He also inspected 6 reading circles. The District Lecturer, Mr. S. Sivakumaran, toured for 15 days, visited 10 villages and towns and addressed 5 public meetings.

Miss N. Karunakara, lady lecturer for the north range, toured for 16 days, delivered 6 lectures, inspected 2 reading circles and visited 42 houses. She also participated in the

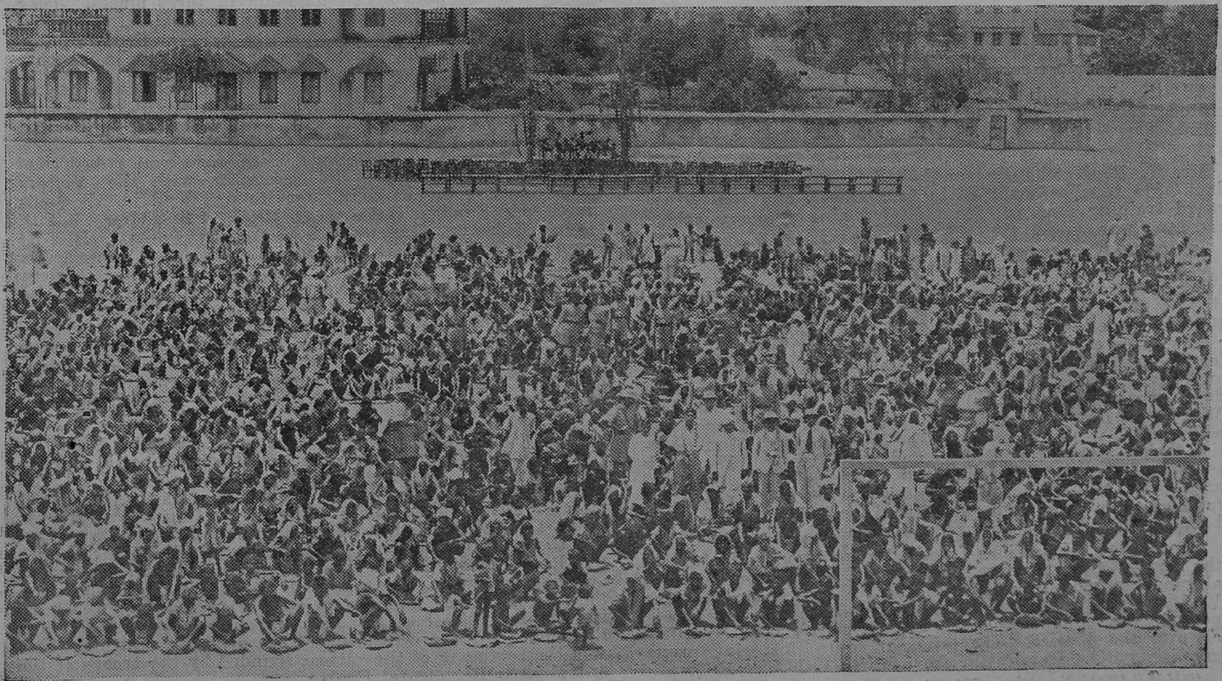


Photo taken at the V.R. College grounds (Nellore) showing the feeding of the poor by Rao Sahib A. Venkatarama Reddi on 14th May 1945.

V-E. DAY AT BELLARY

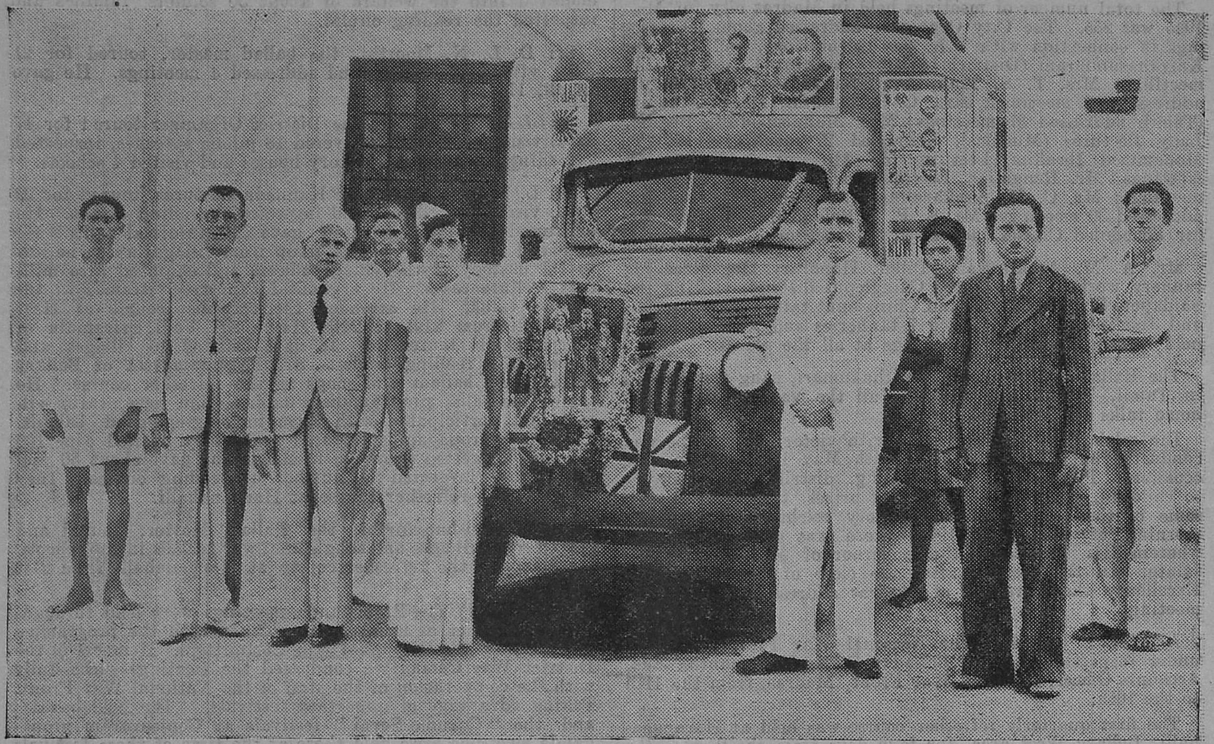


Photo taken on the occasion of the V-E. Day Celebrations held at Bellary on 14th May 1945.

In the front row from left to right:—Mr. S.R. Vattam, the District Organizer, Bellary East; Rao Bahadur C. S. Hanumantha Rao, Accounts Officer, N.W.F., Mrs. Annie R. Paul, wife of the Collector; Rao Sahib Rajiah D. Paul, M. A., the District Collector of Bellary; and Mr. A. Subramaniam, the District Organizer, Bellary West.

Victory day celebrations at St. Thomas Mount. Mr. B. Parameswaran, additional lecturer for Scheduled castes, toured for 25 days in South Arcot and Chingleput districts. He delivered 16 lectures, gave 5 talks and visited 30 houses.

Mr. H. K. Sheik Abdul Khader toured for 2 days in this district and addressed one public meeting. Mr. D. Srinivasalu Chetti, Taluk Organizer, Sriperumbudur, toured for 16 days, inspected 13 reading circles and delivered 16 lectures. Mr. J. G. Christian, Taluk Organizer, Tiruvallur, toured for 8 days and delivered 6 lectures. Mr. Sankaranagalingam, Taluk Organizer, Madurantakam, toured for 3 days and addressed three meetings.

Mr. G. Krishnamurthi of Villivakkam, addressed 5 public meetings in Saidapet and Sriperumbudur taluks. Mr. M. R. Srinivasa Rao of Saidapet, addressed 3 public meetings in Saidapet and Sriperumbudur taluks.

All the 10 taluk propagandists toured sufficiently and visited 212 villages. They delivered 123 lectures and gave 97 talks. They inspected 65 reading circles. All the propagandists actively participated in the V.E. Day celebrations.

Mr. T. R. Katchapalayam, ballad master, toured for 21 days. He taught war songs in four schools and ten village guard training centres. He attended nine public meetings and sang war songs.

CHITTOOR.—The District Organizer toured for 23 days, visited 9 villages, addressed 10 public meetings with an average attendance of 600 planes, and he inspected 4 reading circles. The District Lecturer toured for 24 days, addressed 16 public meetings and gave 5 talks and inspected 8 reading circles. The additional lecturer for Scheduled classes, toured for 10 days, visited 8 villages and addressed 8 public meetings and gave 2 talks. The lecturer for Muslims, toured for 6 days, visited 2 villages and gave 1 talk. The lady lecturer, Miss K. L. Rose, toured for 23 days, visited 16 villlages and addressed 7 public meetings. The lady lecturer, Mrs. Sarojini Reddi, toured for 17 days and gave 3 talks. The taluk propagandists toured sufficiently, visited 226 villages, addressed 74 public meetings and gave 136 talks, visited 80 families of soldiers and inspected 78 reading circles. The ballad master taught war songs to school children.

The V day celebrations formed the noteworthy feature of the month. Special prayers, namaz and pujas were offered in all churches, mosques and temples in the district on 13th May 1945. There were parades, processions, distribution of sweets, poor feeding, public meetings and sports on 14th May 1945 all over the district. The refresher course for taluk propagandists was held at Puttur from 9th to 12th May 1945.

COIMBATORE.—The District Organizer, Mr. R. T. Nayudu, B.A., B.L., toured for 10 days, visited 10 villages, addressed 3 meetings and checked about 23 reading circles. The additional lecturer for Scheduled classes, Mr. R. T. Kesavalu, toured for 15 days, visiting 9 villages. He checked 4 reading circles and addressed 7 meetings. The Additional Lecturer for Muslims, Mr. Syed Shah Ghouse Mohideen, toured in this district for 4 days, visiting 3 villages, checked 2 reading circles and addressed 3 meetings. The lady lecturer, Miss A. Manickam, toured for 26 days, visited 27 villages, checked 13 reading circles, and addressed 3 meetings. The lady lecturer, Mrs. S. Ranganayaki Ammal, toured for 11 days, visited 10 places, checked 12 reading circles and addressed 3 meetings.

The taluk propagandists of this district toured in their respective taluks and did propaganda in these places. They together addressed about 194 meetings and checked about 200 reading circles. The Ballad Master, Sri N. E. Balaguru, toured for 12 days and visited 12 villages during the month.

The Victory Week Celebration began on the morning of the 8th May 1945 with the ringing of church and temple bells, sounding of sirens in the local mills and municipal office and the whistling and steaming by railway engines. All the Government buildings were seen gaily bedecked with flags and festoons. In connection with the Victory Celebrations, a thanks-giving service was held in All Souls Church on Sunday (13th May 1945). Brigadier R.J.D. Teague, Sub-Area Commander, Mr. H. D. Latham, District Superintendent of Police, and other officials and non-officials were present. There were also thanks-giving services in other churches, prayers in mosques and archanas and arathanams in temples in this City. There was a combined procession of Civil and Defence Services between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. on 14th May 1945 from All Souls Church to Coronation Park where Royal Artillery Fired Victory Salutes and a march including women's services terminated the parade. Brigadier R.J.D. Teague, Sub-Area Commander took the salute.

In the evening, there was a procession with His Majesty's portrait on a double-horse Phaeton decorated with flowers, headed by an elephant carrying the Union Jack. The procession started from the Victoria Town Hall and reached the Stadium grounds where a public meeting was held over which the Collector presided. Thousands of people attended it. Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabapathi Mudaliyar, O.B.E., and Rao Bahadur A. T. Krishnasami Mudaliyar, Chairman, Coimbatore Municipality, and Mr. G. D. Nayudu spoke on the occasion. The public meeting was preceded by the beating of the "Tattee" by the troops of the 3rd Madras Regiment. At the conclusion of the open air meeting, there was the ceremony of the retreat sounded by the troops of the 3rd Madras Regimental Centre.

In this City thousands of poor people were fed in two important centres besides in several places in the taluk and sub-taluk and firka headquarters. Sweets also were distributed to the children. A sum of Rs. 950 from the public

CHICACOLE

Photo taken on the occasion of the V-E. Day Celebrations at Chicacole.

donations and Rs. 850 from the fund allotted by the Government were distributed among the several Revenue officials to conduct poor feedings in different parts of the district. Besides the poor feeding by the Government, thousands of poor were fed in various parts of this district by several local philanthropic gentlemen. On the whole the public in this district evinced great and unprecedented enthusiasm and jubilation in celebrating the Victory Week and the final celebrations.

Victory Day celebrations were arranged on an impressive scale in all the taluk, sub-taluk and firka headquarters and in several important villages in this district. Thousands of poor people were fed at various parts of this district. Decorated processions with Their Majesty's portrait and Allied Flags took place. In many places sweets were distributed to the children. Special prayers were offered in churches and aradanas were offered in the local temples in many places. In short in several places of this district poor people were fed and processions were held besides public meetings when speeches were made congratulating the Allies on their Victory in Europe.

CUDDAPAH.—The War Propaganda and Publicity material received from time to time were being distributed to the village officers and Reading Circles in the district for publicity and propaganda. The officers of the Revenue, Agricultural and National War Front Departments supervised the work of the Reading Circles during their tours. The District Agricultural Officer did propaganda work under "Grow More Food Campaign" and explained to the ryots methods of successful cultivation and the concessions granted by Government in this respect.

EAST GODAVARI.—The District Organizer concentrated his propaganda work on "Security Education" during the month. He made extensive propaganda during the month in the district and at headquarters. The District Collector presided over a public meeting at Cocanada on 7th May 1945, in connection with the Security Education. The District Organizer was on tour for 10 days, visited 11 villages and inspected 7 Reading Circles.

The Additional Lecturer for Muslims toured for 9 days in this district, visited 4 villages covering 3 taluks. He addressed 3 meetings and gave 13 talks. The Additional Lecturer for Scheduled Classes addressed 2 meetings, one at Cocanada and another at Rajahmundry in connection with the Security Drive and V.E. Day Celebrations.

Srimathi K. Krishnavenamma, Lady Lecturer, Cocanada, took active interest in the Security Drive at Cocanada from 2nd May 1945 to 8th May 1945. She spoke on Security Education on 7th May 1945, at a public meeting presided over by the Collector. She attended the District War Committee meeting on 12th May 1945. She toured for 12 days from 16th May 1945, in two taluks and visited 11 Reading Circles. She collected Rs. 200 towards the National Savings Certificates during the month. She opened 2 Women's Reading Circles. Mrs. R. L. John, Lady Lecturer, Peddapur, toured for 14 days in Cocanada taluk and visited 3 schools. She gave 34 talks. She also participated in the Security Drive and V.E. Day Celebrations at Cocanada.

The Taluk Propagandists toured extensively, visited 404 villages, inspected 161 Reading Circles and 61 schools. They addressed 87 meetings and met 96 soldiers' families.

The Ballad Master sang special songs on Security Education on 7—5—45 in the meeting held in the Taluk Office open air premises, with Rao Bahadur N. Raghavendra Rao, B.A., B.L., in the chair. He took part in the V.E. Day Celebrations.

WEST GODAVARI.—Intensive propaganda was carried on for the recruitment to the Madras Civil Labour Units, Ceylon Labour Units, and Savings campaign. The propaganda material received from time to time was distributed to the local libraries for wide publicity.

GUNTUR.—All possible co-operation was given to the propaganda staff by the officials.

KISTNA—Nuzvid Division.—Propaganda meetings were held in the villages of Kapileswarapuram, Vuvvur, Kesarapalli and Telaprolu of Gannavaram taluk by the Tahsildar, Gannavaram. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Nuzvid, held meetings in the villages of Agiripalli and Tempalli. Victory Day was celebrated throughout the division. Twenty-four persons were recruited to the army from this division during May 1945.

Bandar Division.—Fourteen recruits were sent up to the army from this division during May 1945.

Gudivada Division.—The Divisional War Committee meeting was held in Pedagonnur of Kaikalur taluk on 26th May 1945. The members of the Committee addressed a big gathering of ryots. Ten recruits were sent up to the army during May 1945 from this division.

The District Lecturer Sri B. V. Narayana Dev toured for 20 days and addressed 18 meetings. He attended the District War Committee meeting held at Chintakalapadi under the presidency of the Collector, Kistna, on 21st May 1945. He attended the Victory Celebrations at Bezwada on 9th

May 1945 and 14th May 1945, and delivered public lectures. He also attended the Co-operative Training Class for panchayatdars at Masulipatam on 22nd May 1945.

The Lady Lecturer, Mrs. L. Prakasarao, toured for 20 days, visited 19 villages, attended 12 meetings and inspected 13 Reading Circles. She visited 56 houses and gave 16 group talks. She convened a special meeting of the ladies in the Local Ladies' Recreation Club, Masulipatam, on 14th May 1945 under the presidentship of Mrs. A. Quader, M.A., wife of the District Collector in connection with the Victory Celebrations. The other Lady Lecturer (Bezwada), Miss K. Kamalamani, toured for 18 days, visited 12 villages and conducted 6 meetings. She visited 34 houses and had 20 group talks. She sold National Savings Certificates worth Rs. 300.

The Taluk Propagandists toured for the prescribed number of days in the several villages and carried on intensive propaganda. They partook in the Victory Celebrations and made them a grand success. They inspected the Reading Circles and distributed the war propaganda materials.

The District Ballad Master M. Thammiraju toured for 21 days teaching war ballads to school children. He visited 21 villages and conducted 21 burra kathas.

Sri A. Dharma Rao Choudari, Honorary Divisional Organizer, Gudivada, toured for 7 days, visited 7 villages and conducted 3 public meetings. He inspected 7 Reading Circles.

KURNOOL.—The Revenue officials and the personnel of the National War Front carried on intensive propaganda for war effort. Several propaganda meetings were held in the villages by the Tahsildars in the district.

The "Victory in Europe" Celebrations were successfully conducted on a grand scale in all the parts of the district. In all taluks and sub-taluks headquarters, there was poor feeding by philanthropic gentlemen. The celebration of the final defeat of Germany started with the ringing of bells in churches and temples and prayers in mosques. 13th May 1945 was observed as a day of prayer and thanksgiving. The celebrations on 14th May 1945 at Kurnool town opened with a ceremonial parade and a march past on the Police Parade ground in the morning. The Collector took the salute. The ceremony was largely attended. There was poor feeding between 1 to 5 p.m. Over 6,000 persons were fed. A mammoth procession starting from the Peoples' Park at Kurnool and winding its way through the important localities terminated at the Police grounds. The streets and shops were tastefully decorated, punctuated by arches here and there. The Police band accompanied the procession. The procession was more than a mile long. The public meeting that immediately followed was attended by about 10,000 persons. Sweets were distributed to children. Speeches stressing the importance of the task ahead to achieve the defeat of Japan, were delivered. The festivities continued till late in the night through entertainments, Harikatha Kalekshapams and free cinema shows to children. The local Municipal Council psssed a resolution congratulating the Allies on the Victory.

MADURA.—The District Organizer toured for 11 days, addressed 5 public meetings and inspected 9 Reading Circles. Lady Lecturer No. 1 toured for 23 days, addressed 13 meetings, inspected 9 Reading Circles and visited 9 families of soldiers. The Additional Lecturer for Muslims toured for 6 days, addressed 5 meetings and inspected one Reading Circle.

The Honorary Taluk Organizer of Madura toured for 21 days, visited 25 villages, delivered 13 lectures and inspected 14 Reading Circles. The Honorary Taluk Organizer of Uthamapalayam toured for 12 days, visited 15 villages, delivered 6 lectures, inspected 8 Reading Circles and enquired into the welfare of 95 families of soldiers. The Honorary Taluk Organizer of Palni toured for 19 days, visited 23 villages, addressed 23 meetings, inspected 17 Reading Circles and visited 44 families of soldiers. The Taluk Organizer of Dindigul toured for 18 days, visited 18 villages, adressed 14 public meetings and inspected 7 Reading Circles. The Honorary Taluk Organizer of Usilampatti toured for 17 days, visited 23 places, addressed 14 public meetings, inspected 8 Reading Circles and enquired into the welfare of 40 families of soldiers. The Honorary Taluk Organizer of Nilakkottai toured for 3 days, visited 3 villages and addressed 3 meetings.

The Taluk Propagandists visited 156 villages, inspected 82 Reading Circles, visited 17 schools and interviewed 173 families of soldiers.

The V-E. Day was celebrated much in the same style as the Tunisia victory day but with greater and more spectacular effect. Poor-feeding, procession and public meeting were the usual items in all places not only in the taluk centres but also in some firka centres and even in villages the day was celebrated.

MALABAR.—The District Organizer, National War Front, toured one taluk during the 7 days of his tour and addressed 5 meetings and inspected 4 Reading Circles. M. V. Alikoya Sahib, Senior District Lecturer, addressed 5 meetings and Mr. M. Asokan, Junior District Lecturer, 8 meetings. The Lady Lecturers addressed 9 meetings, gave 4 talks and visited 53 houses during the month. Sri Koppan, Additional Lecturer for Scheduled Classes, visited 30 houses and gave 9 talks. The Muslim Lecturer addressed 13 meetings, inspected 4 Reading Circles and gave 3 talks.

Rao Sahib T. C. Karunakaran, Honorary Divisional Organizer, Calicut, addressed the public meeting held on the 14th May in connection with the V.E. Day Celebrations. He was very helpful in organizing the Victory Celebrations in Calicut town.

During the month under review the Taluk Propagandists addressed 222 meetings, gave 87 talks and inspected 153 Reading Circles. The propagandist Ballad Master was on tour for 23 days. He addressed 16 public meetings and gave 9 performances (Katha recitals). The Ottam Thullal troupe gave 12 performances in Calicut, Walluvanad and Ponnani taluks. The Entertainment Supervisor performed 13 Chakyar Kuthu performances.

The outstanding feature of the month under review was the grand V-E. Day Celebration all over the district. The whole staff of the National War Front worked in conjunction with the Revenue authorities and even the smallest village had its gala day. At Calicut, on receipt of the news

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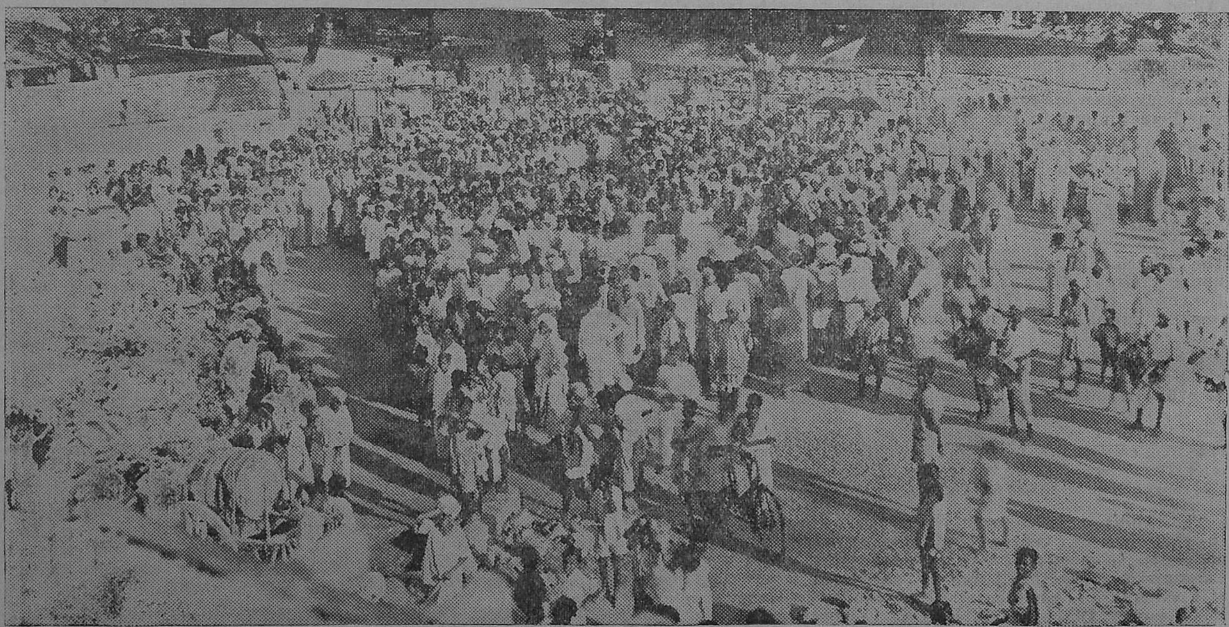


Ph oto taken on the occasion of the 'V' Day Celebrations at Rayadrug, when the procession with the King's portrait was taken into the main street at Rayadrug on 14th May 1945.

of the 'cease fire' a mammoth procession with music, etc., went round the town. In the interval free entertainments were given almost every evening to the public. Victory Cricket and Football matches were also played. On the V.E. Day after the ceremonial parade in the morning large number of poor were fed at different centres. The whole town gave itself up to rejoicing and mammoth crowds followed the processions to the Mananchira maidan. The public meeting addressed through loud speakers was attended by the biggest crowds ever seen in Calicut. A spectacular carnival with many items of entertainments went on till the early hours of morning.

NILGIRIS.—The month of May was a very busy month for the personnel of the National War Front. The Victory in Europe Day, the W.V.S. fête and pageants and the First Quarterly Refresher Course for the Taluk Propagandists kept them fully engaged during the month.

Mr. M. Halayya, B.A. (Hons.), Deputy Organizer, toured for 9 days. Most of the days were taken up by the engagements at Ootacamund. He checked the two Reading Circles of Nanjanad and Palada. In addition he conducted the First Quarterly Refresher Course at Ootacamund. He also visited a number of families of serving soldiers.

The five Taluk Propagandists addressed 153 meetings. They also checked a number of Reading Circles. They distributed all the war literature promptly. All of them attended the First Quarterly Refresher Course.

The Honorary Organizer and Voluntary Speakers addressed 12 meetings. Some of them attended the Refresher Course also. They held meetings and sports in their respective areas to celebrate the V.E. Day.

The Ballad Master was touring in the Gudalur area and he attended the Refresher Course held at the Victory House, Ootacamund.

The National War Front Publicity Booth at the Flower Show was conducted under the direct supervision of the Deputy Organizer. It was divided into 13 sections. All the 13 sections were tastefully decorated. A number of visitors including many high officials visited the booth and appreciated the show.

SALEM.—Sri S. Nithyanandam, B.A. (Hons.), District Organizer, toured for 23 days. He visited 18 villages. He addressed 21 public meetings. He attended the Summer School of Rural Uplift for students and addressed 4 meetings there. On 19th he addressed the Co-operative Panchayatdars Training Class at Rasipuram. He also contacted many officials and non-officials in his tours. On being requested by the Headmaster of the Village Officers' Training School, the District Organizer attended it and delivered two lectures.

Janab Syed Shaw Ghouse Mohideen Sahib Bahadur, B.A., B.L., Additional Lecturer for Muslims, toured in Salem district for 6 days, visiting 5 places. He addressed 4 meetings.

Sri O. A. Nanjappa, Honorary Taluk Organizer, Omalur, visited 3 places, addressed one public meeting and visited two Reading Circles. Sri R. Chenni Chettiar, Honorary Taluk Organizer, Harur, celebrated the Victory in Europe Day Celebrations on a grand scale.

The Honorary Taluk Organizer, Tiruchengode, toured for 4 days and visited 8 places where he addressed meetings. The Honorary Divisional Organizer, Salem, spent more than Rs. 1,000 in connection with the V.E. Day Celebration out of his own pocket in organizing processions, poor feeding, fireworks, etc.

The Taluk Propagandists visited 458 villages during the month. They visited 177 Reading Circles and addressed 153 public meetings. War leaflets were distributed by them and posters pasted on all conspicuous places in the town. They met families of soldiers and enquired into their grievances.

The Ballad Master was on tour for 17 days during the month visiting 13 villages. He attended 3 schools, addressed 10 meetings and sang war songs at 13 places.

TANJORE.—Rao Sahib S. Swayamprakasam, B.A., B.L., District Organizer, National War Front, Tanjore, toured for 14 days, visiting 7 important centres. He made necessary arrangements at Tiruvadi for exhibition during the Sapthasthanam Festival. He made surprise inspection of the village guards training at Vettar Head. He made necessary arrangements for feeding the poor at the Victory House, National War Front, Tanjore, on the "V.E." Day. He also made arrangements for conducting the poor feeding in five other important places and at Tiruvadi. On the V.E. Day, he was fully engaged in the several items of work such as sports, poor-feeding, arranging a public meeting at the Ramanatha Chettiar Hall, etc., and addressed the public meeting. He conducted a Students' Holiday Camp at Negapatam for 10 days from 20th May 1945 to 29th May 1945 and invited leading non-officials and other distinguished visitors to deliver lectures during the Students' Camp.

Sri M. Subramaniam, District Lecturer, Tanjore, toured for 17 days during the month in the propaganda van MSC. 7677, in the taluks of Negapatam, Tanjore, Papanasam, Mannargudi and Kumbakonam, visiting 48 villages. He addressed 2 big public meetings at Tiruppanthurithi and Tiruvadi during the Sapthasthanam Festival (28th and 29th April 1945). From 8th to 14th May 1945, he visited 41 roadside and interior villages making short speeches and announcements about the defeat of Germany and the success of the Allies in the Western Theatre of War. He gave 3 lectures to the students at Negapatam during the Students' Holiday Camp. He inspected 7 Reading Circles.

Sri V. Veeraswami, B.A., Additional Lecturer for Scheduled Classes, Trichinopoly, toured in this district for 7 days during the month. He addressed 5 public meetings. He visited 5 houses in the cheri and did propaganda work among them.

Miss Glory Moses, B.A., Lady Lecturer No. 1, toured for 18 days during the month and addressed 10 meetings. She visited 8 villages and inspected 2 Reading Circles. She visited 115 houses in the course of her tours and did effective house-to-house propaganda work to the womenfolk. She visited 2 schools, 4 cheris and 15 soldiers' families. She attended the Students' Holiday Camp held at Negapatam. Mrs. A. T. Murthi, Lady Lecturer, toured for 7 days during the period she was on duty and addressed 7 public meetings. She inspected 5 Reading Circles, visited 120 houses in the village and gave 98 talks.

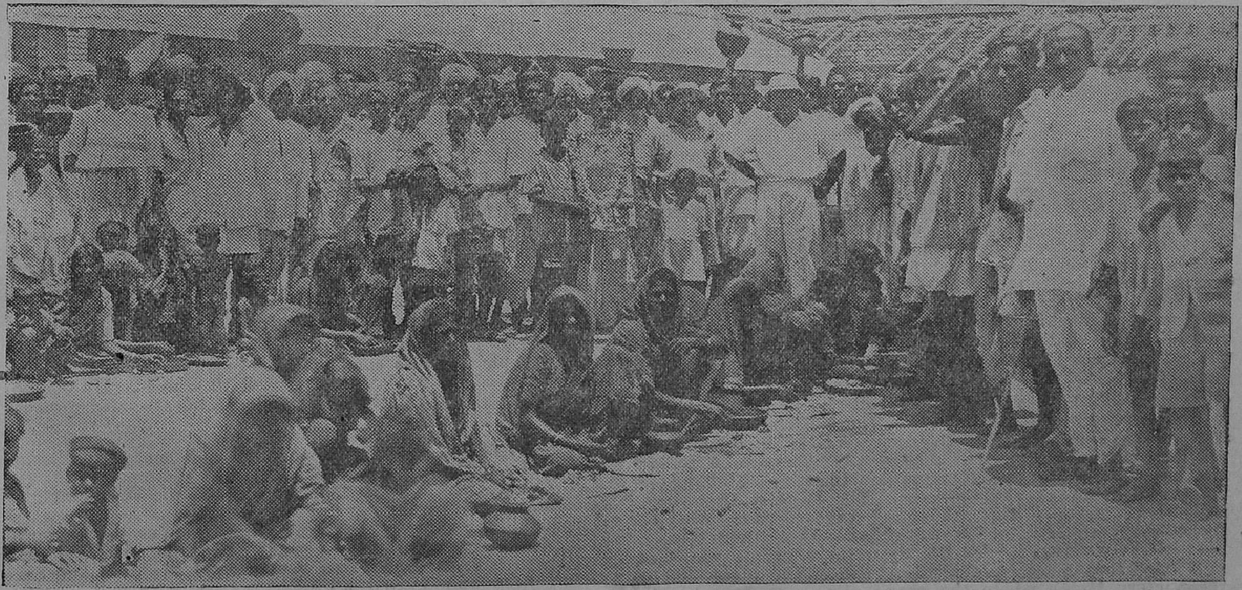
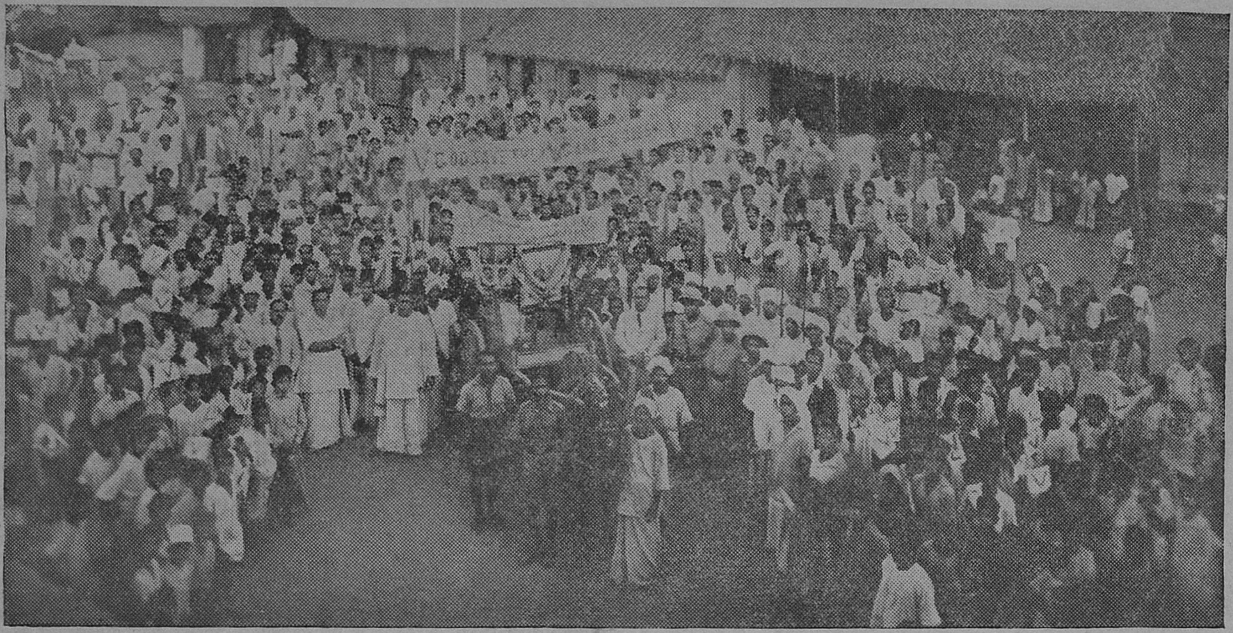


Photo taken on the occasion of poor feeding held in the shandy market at Rayadrug on 14th May 1945 in connection with the celebration of the V.E. Day. Mr. Sayeed Sahib, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Hospet and Sri C. Sangam Babu, Tahsildar, Rayadrug, who opened the function are seen standing in the centre. About 5,000 people were fed on the occasion.



V.E. DAY AT TIRUVARUR.—Photo taken on the occasion of the celebration of the V.E. Day in Tiruvarur on 14th May 1945. Standing in the foreground are: Rao Bahadur V. S. Thiagaraja Mudaliyar, Sri G. Ramanuja Mudaliyar and other local officials.

The Honorary Divisional Organizer of Mayavaram, Sri K. Lakshmikantham, B.A., B.L., toured for 12 days, visiting 10 villages and inspecting 2 Reading Circles. He addressed 6 public meetings. He had informal talks with the villagers and explained to the public the importance of the several latest control orders. On the occasion of the V.E. Day, he addressed the public on the significance of the observance of the 'V.E. Day." Sri P. Ramaswami Mudaliyar, Honorary Divisional Organizer, National War Front, Negapatam, was on tour for 20 days in the month, and visited 9 villages, 12 soldiers' families and inspected 5 Reading Circles. He co-operated with the Revenue officials in arranging the details of the celebrations of the "Victory in Europe Day" on the 14th May 1945. He addressed the public meeting held at Tiruvarur on 14th May 1945. He attended the "Students Holiday Camp" held at Negapatam from 20th to 29th May 1945. Sri K. Nataraja Pillai, Honorary Divisional Organizer, Mannargudi division, was on tour for 6 days during the month visiting 3 villages. He inspected 1 Reading Circle. He addressed 4 public meetings. On the V.E. Day, he addressed a big public meeting at Mannargudi. He co-operated with the Revenue officials in his divisions in arranging poor-feeding on that day and starting a big procession with the portraits of their Majesty's mounted on a phaeton.

During the month under report, the Honorary Speakers, Sreemathi Ramamirtham Ammal and Sri V. D. Gnanarethinam addressed several meetings in the district and spoke about the success of the Allies in Europe and other campaigns. The Lady Honorary Speaker also visited 6 schools and did propaganda work there.

There were 20 Taluk Propagandists in this district (11 taluks and 9 sub-taluks). During the month under report, they all visited 513 villages and inspected 182 Reading Circles. The families of the serving soldiers were frequently visited by these Taluk Propagandists, and all complaints, wants, etc., were then and there brought to the notice of the District Soldiers' Board Secretary. They also detected cases of "Black-marketing" and "Hoarding." Sri K. Govindarajan, Ballad Master, toured for 14 days, visited 2 schools and attended 6 public meetings. During his visits to the schools, he taught war sons to the school children He visited 25 villages during the month and taught war songs to the villagers. He attended the "Students' Holiday Camp" at Negapatam from 20th to 29th May 1945 and taught war songs to the students.

The notable feature in the month under report was the celebration of the "V.E. Day" in all the important places in this district on 14th May 1945. The National War Front staff co-operted with the Revenue officials in celebrating the day in their respective places. At Tanjore, a public meeting was held at the Ramanathan Chettiar's Hall under the presidentship of the Collector. The District Organizer, Lady Lecturer and the Additional Lecturer for Muslims spoke about the success of the Allies. Then there was a variety entertainment. In the noon, poor people were fed in 5 important places in this town, one of the places, being the Victory House where the poor-feeding was done by the District Organizer, National War Front, Tanjore. In the evening there was sports, wherein the Police officials and the village guards took part. Some of the village guards got prizes also.

Under the auspices of the National War Front, Tanjore, a "Students' Holiday Camp" was held at Negapatam from 20th to 29th May 1945 at the Government Training school buildings. Thirty-eight students from 16 institutions took part. Some of the leading non-officials visited the camp and delivered useful lectures on current-day topics. Khan Bahadur Muhammad Ismail Sahib Bahadur, B.A., Collector and District Magistrate, Tanjore, visited the camp on 24th May 1945.

TINNEVELLY.—The Week-end propaganda and recruitment drive meetings were held at Eral, Pattapuram, Narasinganallur and Nagalapuram on 3rd, 12th, 19th and 26th May respectively. The District Collector presided over the meetings at Eral, Pattapuram and Nagalapuram and the Additional District Magistrate, Abdul Rawoof Sahib took the chair at Narasinganallur gathering. The officers of the Educational and Co-operative departments carried on intensive propaganda in furtherance of war efforts, grow more food campaig and the defence savings campaign as usual in the course of their tours.

The Revenue Divisional Officers, Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars carried on intensive propaganda in the villages visited by them .

The National War Front Committees were working satisfactorily. The District Lecturer toured for 26 days and addressed 5 public meetings He gave 38 talks to village-folks in the villages visited by him and inspected two Reading Circles.

The Lady Lecturer toured for 28 days and visited 24 places and conducted meetings in 20 village reading circles, visited 3 schools, delivered 4 lectures, and had 26 group talks among women, visited 30 houses and gave inhabitants the glad news of victory. She distributed the gifts, *viz.*, sarees, etc., to the poor. The Additional Lady Lecturer toured for 23 days in the month and visited 16 villages, inspected 3 village reading circles and conducted meetings. She did intensive propaganda among the women-folk during the festive occasions of Chitrapournami festival at Kalagumalai and Kumbabishekam at Srivaikuntam. She also took part in the Victory Day celebrations and attended week-end meeting at Narasinganallur. The Additional Lecturer for Muslims toured for seven days in the district, visited 6 places, addressed 6 public meetings having an average attendance of 200 people and also conducted reading circles. The Ballad Master toured for 28 days and visited 10 schools. He visited 13 villages, checked 10 Reading Circles and attended 6 meetings.

TRICHINOPOLY.—The important and notable feature during the period under report was the Victory in Europe Day Celebrations at the District and Taluk Headquarters. Immediately after hearing of the cessation of hostilities in Europe all the important churches and temples in the town and Srirangam began ringing their bells intermittently and the District Propaganda Van went around the town and Srirangam area and visited all important streets and corners and announced to the public the cessation of hostilities in Europe and the people received the news with much joy and relief. At nightfall Mr. Mitchell, Collector of Trichinopoly, visited the Rock Fort with Capt. A. B. Bault and other military officials. After a short speech on the significance

V.E. Day Celebration at Palni on 14th May 1945.

of the day the Collector switched on the lights which illuminated the Rock indicating the cessation of hostilities in Europe. Special prayers were held in all temples, churches and mosques on the 13th in observance of the Thanks Giving Day. On 14th May 1945 the Victory in Europe was celebrated in a most befitting manner. A public meeting at the Town Hall Square and a procession earlier from Clock Tower were arranged. The splendour and magnificence of the procession and the mammoth meeting at the Town Hall Square beat all former records at Trichinopoly. The whole town presented a festive appearance with festoons and arches at important places with the Victory Slogans written on them. Most of the buildings, public and private, were tastefully decorated with flags of the Allied nations. The beautiful rock at the centre of the city presented a grand and gay appearance illumined with electric lights with a big electrified V mark in the centre. The Trichinopoly Railway Junction building was also very attractive with innumerable lights illuminating it. In the morning there was a victory parade at the Puthur Maidan when the military police, and village guards of the security organization took part. Colonel Durrant took the salute on the march past. Colonel Durrant addressed the units on the significance of the Victory in Europe to India.

In commemoration of the V.E. Day Celebrations, the poor were fed in many parts of the city by leading men of the city and sweets were distributed to children at different places. In the evening there was a big procession from the Clock Tower. Several thousands of people participated in the procession. Dance, music, nathaswaram, display of sticks and swords, four big elephants marching in front and children carrying placards were the important items of the procession. A big car decorated beautifully like a pea-cock carried the portraits of Their Majesties the King and Queen. The Collector with other officials and non-officials including leading men and merchants of the city took part in the procession. The procession reached the Town Hall Square at 7 p.m. and there was a big public meeting with unprecedented crowd. The Collector presided on the occasion. Khan Bahadur P. Sherfuddin Saheb Bahadur, M.A., B.L., District Judge, North Malabar, Diwan Bahadur T. M. Narayanaswami Pillai, Member of the Madras Public Service Commission and Mr. Calder Wood, Assistant Recruiting Officer, Trichinopoly, were the speakers. With the concluding remarks of the Collector, the meeting came to a successful close. It was followed by the display of fireworks at the Town Hall Square.

At Taluk Headquarters, impressive processions and well-attended public meetings were held at Karur, Kulittalai and Manaparai, Ariyalur, Musiri, Lalgudy and Kattuputhur. Police parades were held at Musiri and Ariyalur in an impressive manner. The public meetings were largely attended and great enthusiasm prevailed. Special speeches were made on the occasion by National War Front Staff emphasizing the need for greater war efforts to finish the war in the East with similar victory over the Japs. The Sub-Collector, Karur, the Divisional Officers of Ariyalur and Musiri, presided over the public meetings at their respective centres. Large numbers of officials and non-officials participated in the celebrations.

The staff of the National War Front made extensive tour in the villages of this district and did intensive propaganda during the period. The District Organizer contacted with the Security Leaders and village guards at Srirangam and visited the villages of Pettavaithalai and Bikshandarkoil and addressed the villagers on enemy agents and security propaganda. The District Lecturer Sri M. Natarajan, M.A., B.L., toured for 16 days in Trichinopoly, Perambalur and Lalgudy taluks. He addressed 9 public metings and gave 4 talks. Besides he inspected 9 reading circles. Sri V. Veeraswamy, B.A., Additional Lecturer for Scheduled castes toured for 12 days in this district. He addressed 10 propaganda meetings and gave 15 talks besides inspecting one reading circle. Mr. K. Santhanaswamy Peter, Additional Lecturer for Kallars, Maravars, etc., toured for 14 days in this district. He addressed 7 public meetings and gave 5 talks. He inspected 6 reading circles. Miss K. Sivakamu, Lady Lecturer, toured for 18 days in this district. She addressed 8 public meetings and gave 5 talks. Besides she inspected 4 reading circles. Miss M. C. Kokilabai, B.A., Lady Lecturer, toured for 13 days. She addressed 5 public meetings and gave 9 talks. She inspected 6 reading circles.

Mr. AM. J. Dhanaswamy Pillai, B.A., B.L., Honorary Divisional Organizer, Trichinopoly, visited the villages of Ayyampatti, Chinnakaruppur and Ammapatty and held propaganda meetings. Sri M. Savarimuthu Pillai, Voluntary Speaker of Musiri, toured for 5 days in his taluk and visited 7 villages. He addressed 7 public meetings, visited one school and inspected 2 reading circles. Sri K. N. Palaniswamy Kounder, Voluntary Speaker, Karur, toured for 6 days in his taluk, He visited 6 villages and did propaganda work. Janab T. V. Gulam Murthuza, Voluntary Speaker, Trichinopoly, toured for 7 days and visited 6 villages. The eleven taluk propagandists in all addressed 121 propaganda meetings and gave 125 talks. They inspected 103 reading circles in this district. The District Ballad Master Sri O. V. Narayanaswamy toured a number of villages in Trichinopoly and Ariyalur taluks instructing girls and boys in war ballads.

The Tahsildar of Trichinopoly held 18 propaganda meetings in all the important villages of the taluk. War propaganda meetings were held in the villages of the taluk. War propaganda meetings were held in the villages of Karur division during the month under report, 18 in Karur taluk and 12 in Kulittalai taluk. Propaganda meetings were held in the several villages of Ariyalur division by the respective Tahsildars in accordance with the previously drawn up programme. Sri V. G. Janakiraman, B.A., Revenue Divisional Officer, Ariyalur, conducted propaganda meetings during his tour and addressed the gatherings on the importance of recruitment, National Savings, Grow More Food and the detection of enemy agents. Twelve propaganda meetings were held in Musiri taluk and 17 in Turaiyur sub-taluk by the respective Tahsildars.

The District Educational Officer interviewed Mr. D. Ramiah, District Educational Officer, Guntur, who visited this place on special deputation to do propaganda for Technical Training Scheme. The personal Assistant visited the Assistant

Technical Recruiting Officer and Assistant Recruiting Officers' offices from time to time. He also presided over the Soldiers' family gathering on 31st May 1945 held at the Urmi Dhanalakshmi Vidyasala and addressed on the present war situation and thrift. Sixty-six applications for war services were forwarded to the various Recruiting Officers during the month. The Officers of the Agricultural and Registration department carried on good propaganda work in this district during the month under report.

VIZAGAPATAM.—The marked event of the month was the Victory Celebrations which were held throughout the district and went off very well. Poor feeding and distribution of sweets to children formed some of the items in the programme of celebrations in every town. Public donations came in readily for the purpose and the general public evinced great enthusiasm in the celebrations.

In all the Revenue Divisions, the Revenue Divisional Officers, Taluk Officers, Revenue Inspectors and Taluk Propagandists conducted the usual propaganda meetings during their tours and explained the advantages of Savings Scheme, Grow More Food Scheme and exhorted young men to join the armed forces in large numbers. The Cinemas in the district continue to show war news.

Sri P. Venkataramanayya, M.A., L.T., ex-District Organizer toured for 2 days and spoke at 1 meeting. He handed over charge of the office of the District Organizer to Sri P. Ramaswamy Naidu, M.A. (Hons.), on the afternoon of 30th April 1945. Sri P. Ramaswamy Naidu, M.A. (Hons.), District Organizer, toured for 20 days, visited 6 places, conducted 5 meetings. He organized the Students Holiday Camp held at Bimlipatam from 7th to 16th May 1945 and interviewed the Collector in the matter on 3rd May 1945. He also attended the meeting held in the Collectorate in connection with the V.E. celebrations. He arranged the procession of Village Guards at Vizagapatam on the V.E. celebrations and attended the meeting held in the Town Hall presided over by the Collector, Vizagapatam. He spoke at the Panchayatdars Training class held at Vizianagram. His meeting at Parvatipur was presided over by the Sub-Collector, Parvatipur.

The District Lecturer toured for 4 days and conducted 2 meetings. He took charge of the office of the District Organizer on 30th April 1945. The Second Lecturer toured for 19 days, spoke at 6 meetings and inspected 5 reading circles. He assisted the District Organizer in the successful conduct of the Students Holiday Camp held at Bimlipatam from 7th to 16th May 1945.

The Honorary Divisional Organizer, Anakapalle, toured for 2 days, visited 2 places, spoke at 3 meetings and inspected 1 reading circle. The Honorary Taluk Organizer, Pathapatnam, toured for 20 days, visited 20 villages, inspected 1 reading circle and visited many military families. The Honorary Taluk Organizer, Tekkali, made arrangements for the V.E. celebrations in Tekkali with the Revenue and other departmental officers. The Honorary Divisional Organizer, Narasapatam, toured for 14 days, addressed 12 meetings and inspected 6 reading circles. He took an active part in the Victory celebrations in Narasapatam town. The Honorary Divisional Organizer, Bimlipatam, toured for 14 days, addressed 19 meetings, visited 15 villages, inspected 3 reading circles and 7 ration shops and made enquiries of about 8 military families. He enacted 'Hitler Bhagavatam' at Bimlipatam under the presidency of the District Collector, Vizagapatam, on the occasion of the opening ceremony of the Students Holiday Camp at Bimlipatam. The Honorary Divisional Organizer, Chicacole, toured for 6 days, spoke at 6 meetings, inspected 1 reading circle and visited 10 villages. His meeting at Narasannapeta on 25th May 1945 was presided over by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Chicacole. The Honorary Divisional Organider, Palakonda, toured for 9 days, visited 21 villages, spoke at 6 meetings—2 of which were presided over by the Sub-Collector, Parvatipur—inspected 8 reading circles, enquired about 42 military families and collected 2 viss of waste paper.

The Honorary Taluk Organizer, Balur, toured for 5 days, spoke at 3 meetings and visited 5 places. He toured in one taluk. The Honorary Divisional Organzer, Vizianagram, took part in the V.E. celebrations at Vizianagram. There were 20 taluk propagandists in this district. They carried on propaganda on all the National War Front campaigns. The Ballad Singer toured for 29 days and visited 15 villages and 3 schools. He was present at the Students Holiday Camp held at Bimlipatam from the very beginning and entertained the students with his war songs. He sang war ballads in the procession of students and village guards organized in connection with the V.E. celebrations at Vizagapatam.

Students Holiday Camp was held at Bimlipatam from 7th to 16th May 1945 both days inclusive. Mr. H. H. Carleston, O.B.E., I.C.S., District Collector, Vizagapatam, presided over the opening day meeting at which Sri M. K. R. Dikshitulu, Honorary Divisional Organizer, Bimlipatam gave performance of 'Hitler Bhagavatam'. Sri P. Bhadrayya Naidu, M.A., L.T., Divisional Inspector of Schools, Guntur, presided over the last day's meeting.

Victory celebrations were held in all the important places in this district. In all the Taluk Headquarters poor-feeding was done. Prayers in churches, temples and mosques were

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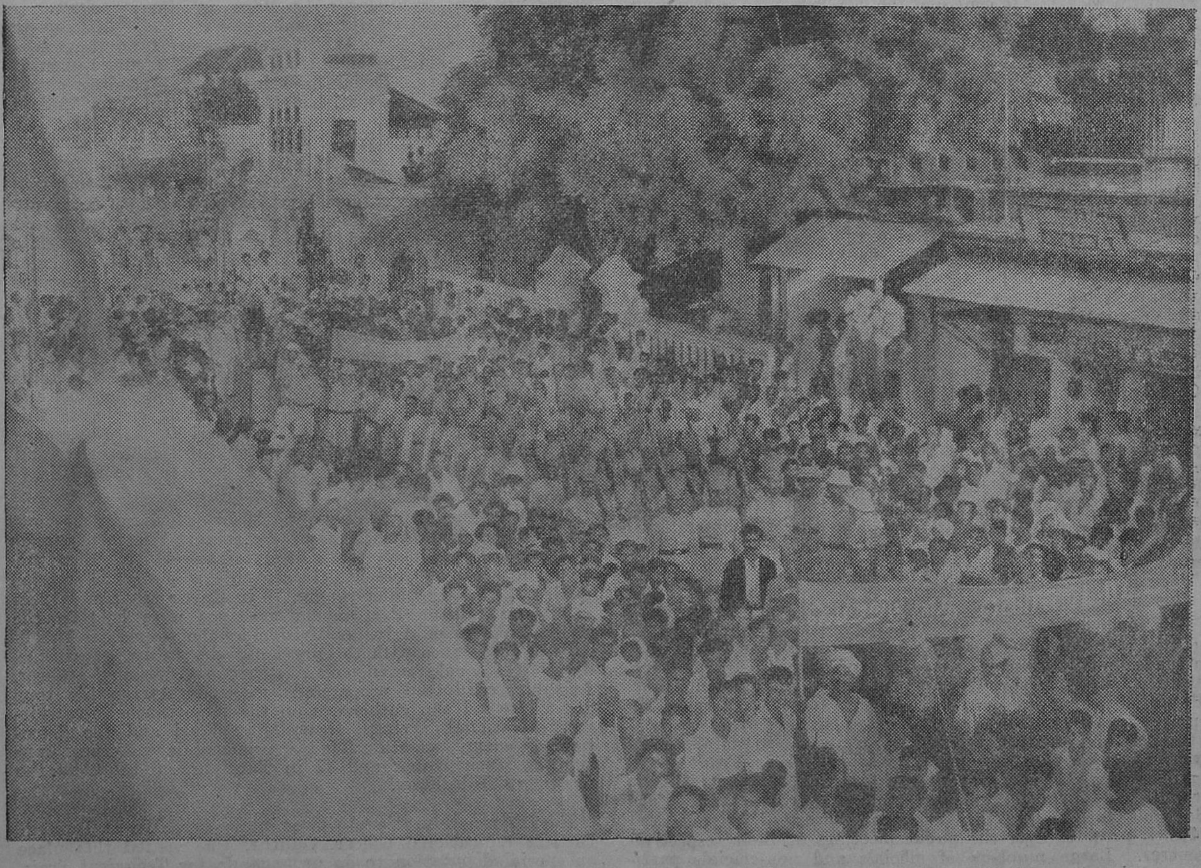

Photo shows procession on Victory Celebration Day at Tuticorin on 14th May 1945.

offered. Procession of school children, hoisting of flags, distribution of sweets to school children and public meetings were organized.

At Vizagapatam a march past of all the Defence Services was organized. Matches were also conducted at Police Barracks. Poor feeding was also done in the Taluk office compound. A procession of school children and village guards was organized and sweets were distributed to the school children at the Town Hall. A meeting was held in the Town Hall at which various gentlemen of the town spoke. Then fire works were exhibited.

The Propaganda Vans

MSC. 671 (*Trichinopoly*).—The van toured for 9 days and the total distance travelled was 353 miles. It visited 8 villages and gave 7 film, 7 magic lantern shows and 7 radio recitals. It was urged for announcing cessation of hostilities in Europe and for announcing the Victory Celebrations on 14th May 1945 in and around the town, Srirangam, Golden Rock and suburbs under the special instructions of the Collector.

MSC. 7677 (*Tanjore*).—In a 22 days tour, the van covered a total distance of 769 miles. It visited 48 villages and gave 5 film shows and 5 radio recitals. The van was used in connection with (1) Victory Announcement, (2) Saptha-sthanam festival, and (3) Students' Camp, during the month.

MSC. 7160 '*Casablanca*' (*Tinnevelly*).—The van toured for 22 days covering a total distance of 501 miles and visiting 40 villages. It gave 16 film and 16 magic lantern shows and 52 radio recitals. It was also used in connection with the week-end R.D. meetings at Pittapuram, Nara-singanallur and Nagalapuram, as well as the Students Holiday Camp held at Papanasam, where film shows were given.

MSC. 7162 '*Teheran*' (*South Kanara*).—The van toured for 16 days during the month and the total distance travelled was 432 miles. It visited 6 villages and gave 6 film shows and 6 radio recitals. It was used in connection with the V.E. Day Celebrations in Mangalore town for 3 days. It was also placed at the disposal of the staff officer (Recruiting, Bangalore) for exhibition of service films at Mercara and Virajpet (Coorg) on 17th and 22nd of May respectively.

MDU. 28 '*Keren*' (*Madura*).—The van toured for 9 days during the month, covering a total distance of 344 miles. It visited 9 villages and gave 8 film and one magic lantern show and 9 radio recitals. The van was also used for announcing the V.E. Day Celebrations in the town from 9th to 14th May.

MSC. 7759 '*Imphal*' (*Coimbatore*).—The van toured for a fortnight during the month and covered a total distance of 491 miles. It visited 11 villages and gave 7 film and 12 radio recitals. It was used in connection with the Song Publicity Scheme (Bommalattam) at Coimbatore and at Tiruppur. It was also used in connection with Victory Celebration and the Governor's visit on 28th and 29th at Coimbatore.

MSC. 7711 (*Malabar*).—In a tour of 21 days, the van covered a total distance of 470 miles. It visited 14 villages and gave 15 film shows and 15 radio recitals.

MDM. 651 (*Ramnad*).—The van visited 15 villages during its tour of 19 days and covered a total distance of 454 miles. It gave one film show and one magic lantern show and 17 radio recitals. The van was used for the announcements of the V.E. Day Celebration on 14th May 1945.

MSC. 6946 '*Guadalcanar*' (*North Arcot*).—The van visited 30 villages during its tour of 23 days and covered a total distance of 441 miles. It gave 15 film and 13 magic lantern shows and one radio recital. The van was used in connection with the Naval Rally held in Vellore from 8th to 13th May 1945. It was also used at the public meetings held on the 14th in connection with the Victory Celebrations. The van was also in attendance at the Victory Conference held in Kilpennathur, Tiruvannamalai taluk, where it exhibited war films to the enormous gatherings at the Conference.

MSC. 7161 '*Stalingrad*' (*Chittoor*).—The van visited 15 villages during its tour of 16 days, covering a total distance of 398 miles. It gave 12 films and 12 magic lantern shows and 31 radio recitals. The van was used in connection with the Refresher Course at Puttur. It was also used for Victory Celebrations and for Pushpappallakku festival at Yadamarri.

MSC. 6983 '*Alamein*' (*Vizagapatam*).—The van toured for 10 days and covered a total distance of 167 miles. It visited two villages and gave 2 film, 2 magic lantern shows and 5 radio recitals. It was used in connection with the Students Holiday Camp at Bimlipatam and for the V.E. Day celebrations at Bimlipatam and Vizagapatam.

MSC. 6985 '*Malta*' (*Kistna*).—In a tour of 20 days, the van travelled a total distance of 220 miles, visiting Bandar and Gannavaram and Bezwada taluks during the month.

MSC. 7760 (*Kurnool*).—The van toured for 19 days and covered a total distance of 510 miles. It visited 19 villages and gave 18 film and 57 radio recitals. It was used for the V.E. Day Celebrations on 14th May 1945 at Kurnool.

MSC. 7629 '*Naples*' (*Guntur*).—The van toured for 17 days covering the total distance of 181 miles and visiting

Victory Day—14th May 1945—Procession at Ambasamudram.

Victory Day—14th May 1945—Poor feeding at Ambasamudram.

14 villages. The van was used on 13th May 1945 for announcing the V.E. Day Celebration at Guntur. It was also used at the mass meeting held at the municipal park on 14th May 1945 with the District Collector as president and on the same day accompanied a long procession in the streets of Guntur led by the Collector and the District Organizer.

MSC. 7713 (*East Godavari*).—The van toured for a fortnight and covered a total distance of 245 miles. It visited 20 villages. It was used in connection with the V.E. Day Celebrations in some of the important streets in Cocanada for 4 days during the month. It was also used for the Security Education Special drive. It attracted large gatherings by its exhibition of war films.

MSC. 6984 '*Orel*' (*Nellore*).—The van toured for a week. The van covered a distance of 224 miles. It visited 6 villages and gave 2 film and 12 radio recitals. It was used for Victory Celebrations in Nellore town. It was also used for Police traffic announcements and for the W.A.R.P.C.

MSC. 7665 (*Bellary*).—The van visited 21 villages during its tour of 20 days covering a total distance of 560 miles. It gave 14 film, 14 magic lantern shows and 12 radio recitals. It was used for V.E. Day Celebrations and also for the Refresher Course at Harpanahalli.

MSC. 7704 (*Anantapur*).—In a tour of 12 days, the van travelled a total distance of 225 miles. It visited 10 villages and gave 11 film, 3 magic lantern shows and 13 radio recitals. It was used for a car festival and also for the V.E. Day Celebrations and N.W.F. Day, when gramophone records played.

MSC. 7468 '*Matapan*' (*Salem*).—The van visited 29 villages during its tour of 22 days, covering a total distance of 594 miles. It gave 18 film and 27 radio recitals. It was used for the Victory in Europe Day Celebrations on 13th and 14th of May 1945 in Salem.

MSC. 7537 (*Nilgiris*).—The van toured for 11 days in the Gudalur division of the Nilgiris and covered a total distance of 215 miles. It visited only 5 villages.

MSC. 7638 (*West Godavari*).—The van toured for 20 days and covered a total distance of 120 miles. It visited only 3 villages and gave 2 magic lantern shows. It was also used for Victory Day Celebrations.

MSC. 7536 (*Madras City*).—The van toured during the whole month and covered a total distance of 1,005 miles. It was used mostly for work connected with V.E. Day Celebration on 14th May 1945 at Island Grounds, Madras.

MSC. 3438 '*Tunisia*' (*Chingleput*).—The van toured for 19 days and covered a total distance of 391 miles. It visited 14 villages and gave 8 film, 8 magic lantern shows and 7 radio recitals.

MSC. 6947 '*Tobruk*' (*South Arcot*).—The van visited 9 villages during its tour of 15 days, covering a total distance of 484 miles. It gave 9 film, 8 magic lantern shows and 5 radio recitals. The van toured in the district till 20th May 1945, when it was sent to Cuddapah to which district it was allotted since.

MSC. 8736 (*Morris*).—The van was used for special programmes and announcements in the city including the V.E. Day Celebrations.

MSC. 6104 (*Military van*).—This van which is specially allotted for troop shows, was in addition to its regular work also used for entertaining Army personnel at rest and Transit Camps with the films supplied by the Army Cinema section.

V-E. DAY IN MADRAS.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S TRIBUTE TO NATIONAL WAR FRONT.

The following message from His Excellency Sir Arthur Hope, Governor of Madras, was sent to Captain G. T. B. Harvey, Director of War Publicity, Madras, on the occasion of the celebration in Madras of the Allied Victory in Europe :—

"I am writing to thank you personally, and all your staff, for the excellent arrangements which you made for the celebrations on Monday afternoon of the Allied Victory in Europe. I realize that the meeting had inevitably to be arranged at short notice, and it is most creditable to the zeal and energy of all concerned that the large and enthusiastic crowds were enabled to witness the proceedings without any confusion or disorder. I am sure that I speak for all who were present when I ask you to inform your helpers that their efforts were entirely successful, and that all their hard work won unstinted appreciation and gratitude from us all."

Grow More Food

Increased Production of Vegetables

As a part of the Grow More Food Campaign in this Province, the Madras Government have taken various steps for the increased production of vegetables, the chief of which are the opening of a vegetable seed depot in Madras City, free distribution of vegetable seeds and manures to poor and deserving ryots and employment of special staff in eight districts to assist growers. The Government have received a report on the progress of work in the quarter ended 31st March 1945.

During the quarter about 15,000 vegetable growers called at the vegetable seed depot in Madras City situated at Lawrence House, Mount Road, and seeds valued at about Rs. 2,500 were sold. In and around Madras City about Rs. 200 worth of vegetable seeds and groundnut cake of about the same value were distributed free to poor and deserving ryots. Over 60,000 people visited the Agricultural Department's stalls in the vegetable shows held by the Madras Agri-Horticultural Society, the Madras Corporation and the Rural Service League, Tambaram. About 4,000 packets of vegetable seeds were sold at the stalls. The special staff employed in the districts helped vegetable growers in raising nurseries and controlling pests and diseases besides giving technical advice. During the quarter in question an additional area of about 1,300 acres was brought under vegetable cultivation and about 1,500 lb. of vegetable seeds were distributed in the districts. The Agricultural Department will be glad to assist with advice any one interested in vegetable cultivation.

War Committees and Depots

CHINGLEPUT.—The meetings of the Executive, the Publicity and Propaganda and the Recruitment Sub-Committees of the district were held on 24th May 1945.

TINNEVELLY.—The District War Committee met on 7th May 1945 in the Collector's Bungalow under the presidency of Sri. V. N. Viswanatha Rao, M.A., B.L., Collector and President, District War Committee. The President presented—

Certificates of merit for good work done in small savings scheme in the quarter ending 31st December 1944 to the Revenue Inspectors at Kadayanallur, Nanguneri, Sermadevi and Sankarankoil firkas.

The Rotating Silver Cup to the Tahsildar, Nanguneri, for the largest taluk collection during March 1945 in connexion with Savings Campaign. The gold medal was offered by Rao Sahib Aaran Devadason to K. S. Kunchithapatham for the best recruitment work in the technical side of the army during the quarter ending 30th September 1944.

The President gave for the information of the Committee.—The name of K. S. Kunchithapatham and I. C. Machado as winners of prizes of Rs. 25 for best recruitment in the quarter ending 31st December 1944.

The names of non-official and officials selected for award of certificates for work in the quarter ending 31st March 1945 in the technical and non-technical sides.

Koilpatti taluk as having won Diwan Bahadur V. N. Viswanatha Rao Rotating Recruitment Shield and trophy for the quarter ending 31st March 1945.

Soldiers' Welfare Work

COIMBATORE.—A meeting of the District Soldiers' Board was held on 23rd May 1945 and the report of work done by this Board was read. Besides issue of rice to military families, nomination of Mr. G. D. Naidu as one of the members, etc., were also discussed.

One hundred and forty Indian troops were fed at the Indian Troops Canteen with morning and evening meals and evening tea on 21st May 1945. They were entertained with a free cinema show at Edisen's Theatre on the same day between 3 and 5 p.m.

There was an informal meeting of leading men on 22nd May 1945 at the office of the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies to consider the possibilities of establishing industries on co-operative basis in the district for the employmen of ex-service men. Some important suggestions were made by the persons present. The District Organizer took part in this discussion.

SALEM.—The Taluk Soldiers' Board and the Taluk Welfare Committees were working satisfactorily.

TANJORE.—A few families were visited by the members of the Taluk Welfare Committees and relief arranged for wherever necessary.

TRICHINOPOLY.—A gathering of soldiers' families was arranged in the Urumi Dhanalakshmi School, Trichy Town, on 31st May 1945. More than 100 families of soldiers were fed and entertained. Rao Sahib M. Kailai Anandar, B.A., B.L., District Organizer, National War Front, Trichy, addressed the gathering on its importance. The Secretary of the District Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen Board, Trichy, also spoke on the occasion. Similar gathering was held at Togamalai on 19th May 1945 in Kulittalai taluk.

Photo taken on the occasion of the treat given to the families of soldiers in Cannanore on 4th May 1945.

(Standing on the verandah from left to right) : 1. Rao Sahib P. Govinda Panikkar ; Vice-President, Taluk Soldiers' Board ; 2. Sultan Abdul Rahiman Ali Raja of Arakal, Regional Leader, N.W.F. ; 3. Vengayal Rayarappan Nayanar ; 4. A. Narayana Nair, President, Taluk Soldiers' Board and 5. Mrs. Vichu Supalitan, Inspectress of Sevadharnis.

Education and Entertainment

BELLARY (EAST).—Large numbers of leaflets were distributed during the cattle show at Kanekal in Rayadrug taluk held from the 27th to 30th April and during the V.E. Day celebration processions and public meetings on the 14th besides the routine occasions. Posters were prettily and attractively displayed at the National War Front exhibition stall at Kanekal during the cattle show and during the V.E. Day celebrations week from the 9th to 14th at headquarters both district and taluk and rural centres.

BELLARY (WEST).—All the cinema houses in the district exhibited the war and information films supplied to them from the Central Organization from time to time.

CHITTOOR.—The cinema houses, propaganda van, magic lantern, posters, and pamphlets were utilized as usual for propaganda purposes. The leaflets received were distributed and the pictures and posters were exhibited at prominent places. Important reading circles were supplied with booklets on agriculture and war pamphlets and war literature were distributed to the members of the District War Committee.

COIMBATORE.—Slides regarding military welfare, G.M.F. Savings, rice and millets, hoarding and profiteering, security slide, army board and victory were exhibited in the various theatres of this district. All the leaflets received were widely distributed and posters prominently displayed.

The Song Publicity Organizer and his staff toured from 17th to 27th in this district and gave Bommalattam shows and music performances in several places. The National War Front gramophone records were distributed and they were played at the local cinema houses.

CUDDAPAH.—War pictures and national savings slides were exhibited in the cinema halls in the districts.

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Recruitment Activities

CHINGLEPUT.—The Recruitment Sub-Committee of the District War Committee met on 24th May 1945 and interviewed candidates for Emergency Commissions.

CHITTOOR.—The members of the Recruitment Services toured in the district and adequate publicity was given to their tours by the officers of the Revenue Department. Four candidates were interviewed by the Recruitment Sub-Committee, Chittoor, during the month and three candidates were recommended to the Secretary, No. 55, Selection Board, Bangalore.

CUDDAPAH.—The Revenue Divisional Officers and Tahsildars made earnest efforts to convince the villagers and get the maximum number of recruits to the Military and Labour Units.

WEST GODAVARI.—One hundred and twelve men were recruited to the Armed Forces, 19 men to the Ceylon Labour units and 8 men to the Madras Civil Labour units during the month of May 1945. One candidate was selected under the War Technicians' Scheme and his application was forwarded to the Chairman, National Service Labour Tribunal, Madras. Educated young were exhorted to join the Technical Training Scheme.

GUNTUR.—The Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars assisted the Recruiting Staff in recruitment.

KURNOOL.—Ninety-four residents of Kurnool district were recruited during April 1945. Nine persons were recruited to the various fighting forces in May 1945.

MALABAR.—A meeting of the Recruitment Sub-Committee was held on 4th May 1945. Six candidates were interviewed of which four were found unsuitable and of the remaining two one was found unfit on medical grounds. One applicant was found age-barred and the question of recommending him to the Service Selection Board for interview was deferred. The candidate whose medical examination was deferred last month was found fit on examination and he was recommended to No. 55, Services Selection Board, for interview.

The Technical Selection Committee also met on 4th May 1945. There was no candidate for interview. The total number of men recruited for April 1945 was 586 including Malayalees recruited from other districts.

SALEM.—Intensive propaganda was carried on in this district for recruiting men to the armed forces. The Extra Assistant Recruiting Officers and the other Recruiting Officers visited all the taluks in the district and the Revenue Officials rendered all possible assistance to them.

The total number of men recruited for the various armed forces for the month of April 1945 was 226.

TANJORE.—One candidate for Emergency Commission in His Majesty's Forces was selected and sent up during the month. Assistance for the recruitment of technical and non-technical personnel for other ranks was also rendered to the Recruiting Officers as usual. Instructions were issued to all the Subordinate officers to continue their assistance with unabated vigour till the war against Japan was also won.

TINNEVELLY.—One candidate for Emergency Commission was interviewed by the Recruiting Sub-Committee on 25th May 1945 and was selected. The number of recruits enrolled by the Assistant Technical Recruiting Officer, Trichinopoly, in this district, during April 1945 was 56.

The number of recruits sent to the Army through the Assistant Recruiting Officer, Palamcottah, during the month was 100.

The number of men sent to the Madras Labour Unit (Home Service) by the Assistant Recruiting Officer, Palamcottah, was 310 and that for Ceylon Service was 60.

TRICHINOPOLY.—The Recruitment Sub-Committee met on 26th May 1945, interviewed 2 candidates and recommended one for Emergency Commission and one for the ranks. The Revenue Officers assisted recruitment to a very large extent. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Ariyalur, recruited 21 men for the military. The Tahsildar of Karur recruited 19 men for the Madras Civil Labour Unit and the Tahsildar of Kulittalai recruited 311 men for Madras and Ceylon Labour Units out of which 249 men were selected. The Deputy Tahsildar of Turaiyur recruited 2 men in this month for the military.

Mr. S. J. James, a member of the District War Committee, recruited 15 men for the Army during the month.

VIZAGAPATAM.—Recruitment to various branches of His Majesty's forces was carried on in the district by the Taluk Officers In addition to the usual recruitment by the Recruiting Staff.

TIRUCHENDUR

Photo shows meeting on Victory Celebration Day at Tiruchendur on 14th May 1945.

Village Reading Circles

BELLARY (WEST).—All the 190 Reading Circles in the Kannada Area functioned well. Every Reading Circle got the Kannada " Yuddha Sanchika." All of them were subjected to effective supervision by the touring officers of different departments of Government.

CHINGLEPUT.—The working of the reading circles was supervised by the staff of the National War Front during their tours.

COIMBATORE.—The personnel of the National War Front checked about 242 Reading Circles in this month. " Yuddha Sanchikas " were supplied to them. The reading room attached to the Victory House was well attended to.

MADURA.—One hundred and ninety-four reading circles were inspected by the National War Front staff. The Victory Houses at Periyakulam, Nilakkottai, Palni, Dindigul, Kodaikanal and Madura continued to be popular.

SALEM.—About 180 reading circles were visited by the officials of the National War Front. The officials of the Revenue department also visited them. The reading circles regularly received " Yuddha Sanchika."

TANJORE.—The reading circles inspected by the National War Front staff were working satisfactorily. " Yuddha Sanjigai " was received regularly by all the Reading Circles direct from the Superintendent, Government Press, Madras, and the members took keen interest in going through them. Copies of Mezhichelvam were supplied to about 80 selected reading circles in this district. There were 863 men's reading circles, 51 women's reading circles and 38 National War Front Committees in this district. The Reading Cirles were frequently inspected by the National War Front staff, Revenue officials and the staff of the other Government departments.

There were two Victory Houses in this district, one at Tanjore and the other at Pattukottai. Radio sets have been supplied to these two Victory Houses and hence they attracted a large number of people daily. Victory Reading Room (Clock Tower) at Tanjore continued to be popular. War journals were being supplied to these Victory Houses regularly.

TRICHINOPOLY.—The District Lecturer Sri M. Natarajan, M.A., B.L., inspected 9 Reading Circles in the month. Sri V. Veeraswamy, B.A., Additional Lecturer for Scheduled Castes, inspected 1 Reading circle, Mr. K. Santhanaswamy Peter, Additional Lecturer for Kallars, Maravars, etc., 6 reading circles, Miss K. Sivakamu, Lady Lecturer, 4 Reading Circles, Miss. M. C. Kokila Bai, B.A., Lady Lecturer, 6 Reading Circles, Mr. M. Savarimuthu Pillai, Voluntary Speaker, Musiri, visited 2 Reading Circles. The Taluk Propagandists in all visited 103 Reading Circles. Besides, the staff of the Educational, Agricultural and Registration departments visited a large number of Reading circles and most of them were reported to be functioning promptly.

VIZAGAPATAM.—There were 1,112 Reading Circles besides 17 Reading Circles exclusively for women in this district. All the Reading Circles were working satisfactorily. They were visited by the personnel of the National War Front and other touring officers of other departments every month.

Village Security Scheme

CHINGLEPUT.—The Security Officer, Sri R. Govindarajan, toured for 22 days, inspected 13 village centres and paid surprise visit to two other centres. Training was given in 39 centres out of 40. The village guards took very active part in the V.E. Day celebrations.

COIMBATORE.—The Scheme was in force in 40 villages with the guards in service. All the villagers received training during the month. The guards took keen interest in the Victory celebrations and other social activities. Feeding accounts were settled in all the villages. The guards received their pay till February 1945. A grand demonstration was staged at Kurichi in connection with the visit of Rai Bahadur Pandit Kasinath, M.A., M.B.E., Rural Development Officer, United Provinces. Demonstrations and public meetings were held in security villages in connection with the Victory Celebrations; besides the guards assisted the Revenue officials during Poor-feeding and also did bandobust duty.

EAST GODAVARI.—The Security Officer, East Godavari, was on tour for 15 days and inspected the work of Security Instructors.

KISTNA.—The Security Officer, Sri G. V. Krishna Rao Naidu, toured for 24 days and inspected the work of all the 10 security instructors during the month.

SALEM.—Thirty-nine villages were under the scheme. On the V.E. Day the village guards of 12 villages marched in procession in the main streets of the Salem town. They did bandobust duty on the evening of the V.E. Day. The Security Officer was on tour for 10 days, inspected 5 villages and watched the work of 5 instructors.

TANJORE.—The Village Security Scheme was functioning in 40 villages in this district. The village guards attended the classes regularly. The local guards of Tanjore town participated in the Victory Day celebration sports. Special training was given to these village guards in March Past and other games. Some of the guards won prizes in the sports. They joined the R.A.F. and the Police in " March Past " when the District Collector, Khan Bahadur Muhammud Ismail Sahib Bahadur, took the salute. The Security Instructors of Tanjore town and Palliagraharam (Messrs. D. Kumaraswami and M. Mahalingam) took special interest in giving special training to these guards, and in making general arrangements for the V.E. Day celebrations. The Security Officer toured only for 5 days during the month. The District Organizer made a surprise inspection of the village guards of the Vettar head village on 26th April 1945. The District Organizer and the Security Supervisor, Ramnad, were present for the sports and encouraged the guards. Pay of the village guards up to the month of February 1945 has been disbursed.

TINNEVELLY.—During the month under review the Security Officer visited 16 villages and inspected the work of nine instructors. Intense training in squad drill and military P.T. was given to the guards. The Security Officer arranged a demonstration of physical feats by guards at Eral on 5th May 1945 at the week-end publicity conference. One hundred guards coming from long distance took part in the Victory Day celebrations at the headquarters on 14th May 1945. They joined the spectacular route march and took part in the general sports held in the afternoon of the day under the immediate presence of the District Organizer at the market maidan, Palamcottah. The sports was conducted by the Security Officer. In all the forty villages the guards celebrated the victory in Europe in a fitting manner, by feeding the poor, leading processions and exhibiting their physical feats. Special mention may be made of such celebrations at Kayalpatnam, Paramankurichi and Udangudi.

VIZAGAPATAM.—The Security Officer toured for 26 days and visited 10 security villages. He inspected the work of all the 7 security instructors in his jurisdiction. He had liaison work with the military officers in and around Vizagapatam. He arranged a contact meeting between the troops of Rajaram Rifles and the civilians at Govindapalem on 23rd April 1945 at which Lt. Shick and Captain Gadgil were present.

The message carrying practices were organized on 4th and 14th April 1945 to the village guards of Rajayyapeta. The Security Officer was present at one practice.

The Additional Security Organizer toured for 22 days and visited 12 security villages. He inspected the work of all the security instructors in his jurisdiction. He conducted 3 rallies of village guards, at Donkinivalasa, Bhavannapadu and Vizianagram. He had contact with some other departmental officers.

The security instructor, Kaviti, helped the Taluk Supply Officer in procurement. The security instructor, Nowpada, took guards suffering from malaria, etc., to the doctor at Patatokkali. The security instructor, Poodivalasa, handed over a pair of military books which were received from a tank near Poodivalasa while fishing to the Sergeant, R.A.F., at Badangi. The security instructor, Sreekurmam, deputed guards to petrol duty.

There were 14 security instructors and 11 sword and stick play instructors working.

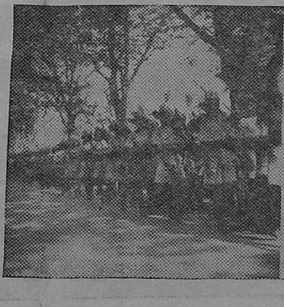

Photo shows March of Reserve Police at Tinnevelly on Victory Day.

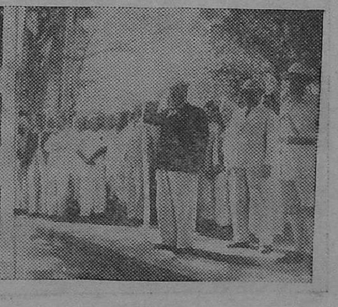

Photo shows the Collector taking the salute at Tinnevelly on Victory Day.

The War Effort and Government Departments

The Agricultural Department

The following contributions were made by the Staff during the month:—

	RS.	A.	P.
(i) Defence Savings Provident Fund	1,327	8	0
(ii) Defence Savings Certificates	176	8	0
(iii) Defence Savings Stamps	106	8	0
(iv) His Excellency the Governor's War Fund	37	10	0
(v) Hundi collections	15	5	0
(vi) Defence Savings Bank Deposits		..	
(vii) National Savings Certificates	520	0	0
(viii) 3 per cent Victory Loans		..	
(ix) Small Savings Fund	24	4	0
Total ..	2,207	11	0

As usual the touring staff of this department carried on vigorous propaganda about the glorious achievements of the Allies in all theatres of war and the public were advised to contribute generously towards the war efforts with money, men, materials and foodstuffs for the speedy and successful termination of the war.

A number of meetings were held in various places and the public were explained as to what they should do in this situation. Ryots were explained about the necessity of growing more foodstuffs, pulses, vegetables, etc.

The staff and their assistants conducted and addressed many meetings and public gatherings and told the public about the pay and attractive concessions that they would get if they join the defence services. The necessity for continued war effort till Japan was annihilated was also stressed.

Victory Day Celebrations were conducted throughout the Presidency in a grand manner which brought confidence in the minds of civilian population. They were also explained the correct war situation.

The Co-operative Department

War Propaganda.—The officers and the subordinates of the Co-operative Department carried on intensive propaganda as usual, on all aspects of the war. The various leaflets, pamphlets, posters, etc., issued by the National War Front organization were distributed to the Co-operative Societies and their contents given wide publicity. The glorious victory of the Allies in Europe was celebrated by all the officers and subordinates in the districts in a fitting manner. The societies also took part in the "V" day celebrations. Some societies held meetings and sports competitions and distributed prizes to the winners. Poor feeding was also conducted by some others. During their tours the officers explained to the people at meetings and reading circles how the Germans, the blind followers of Hitler, had a crushing defeat at the hands of the Allies and appealed to the people to increase their war efforts so that the annihilation of the Japanese may be accomplished as early as possible. They brought home to the public, the need to save as much as they can by investing their surplus, in defence bonds, National Savings Certificates and Victory loans, to provide against the economic depression and repercussions of the post-war period. They vigorously carried on propaganda on the need to grow more food. The ryots were informed about the concessions granted by Government in the matter of conversion of waste lands into wet lands, free issue of seeds and manures by Agricultural Department and the grant of interest-free loans and they were advised to avail themselves of these concessions and put them to the best advantage.

Grow More Food Campaign.—The campaign for 'grow more food' was continued with the usual zeal and vigour by all the departmental officers and subordinates. The pamphlets on Grow More Food and the monthly journal issued by the Agricultural Department were distributed to the public through Co-operative societies. The South Kanara Central Stores, South Kanara Agricultural Wholesale Co-operative Stores and some other primary stores supplied manure to the people on a large scale. The sale societies at Chandragiri and Chittoor in Chittoor district purchased compost manure of the respective municipalities for Rs. 941 and Rs. 251 during the month. The Ellore Marketing Society which purchased 5,648 cubic yards of compost manure from the Ellore Municipality distributed 3,768 cubic yards of compost manure. The Nandyal Sale Society took up the distribution of the compost manure of the municipality to the ryots. The Kurnool Sales Co-operative Society also tried to do similar service. The Nilgiris Marketing Society made arrangements to have its own potato manure mixture instead of purchasing and supplying that of other companies. A loan of Rs. 695 was sanctioned by the Kumbakonam Co-operative Bank to the members of the Kummalur Field Labourers' Society with a view to reclaim more lands for cultivation. A Tenants' Co-operative Society was registered at Konur in Guntur district to enable the poor and landless labourers of the village to bring 40 acres of lanka land under cultivation and raise food crops. The Guntur Co-operative Bank issued loans through five credit societies to an extent of Rs. 7,780 during the month towards cultivation expenses. The Hospet Marketing Society in Bellary district got 50 tons of groundnut oil cake from the oil mills with the help of the District Agricultural Officer for applying to food crops and sugarcane. The Tapeswaram Co-operative Crop and Sale Society grew vegetables in its premises. The Rajahmundry Milk Supply Society which was growing vegetables on the municipal plot taken on lease, was requested to grow vegetables on the other lands also taken on lease. The same society purchased Garika grass seeds and cultivated its sewage farm to produce green fodder for the milch cattle.

Distribution of food-stuffs.—The co-operative stores in the province continued to play a very useful part in the procurement and equitable distribution of foodstuffs and essential commodities including controlled articles. The statutory rationing scheme worked successfully in the two municipal towns of Kurnool and Nandyal in the Kurnool district, the entire distribution of rationed articles in Kurnool Municipality being entrusted to the Co-operative Stores working in the municipal area. The Collector, Kurnool, introduced the scheme of procurement of paddy through compulsory levy and the Kurnool Wholesale Stores undertook the task of working the scheme. The same Wholesale Stores was recognized as the sole agent for the import of firewood in Kurnool town. The Anantapur Wholesale Co-operative Stores continued the purchase and sale of local paddy under the compulsory paddy procurement scheme at Dharmavaram, Pamidi, Singanmala and Bukkapatnam. In all the taluks of the Coimbatore district retail distributors were selected under the informal rural rationing scheme and 95 co-operative credit societies and 6 stores were selected for that purpose. The Tiruppur Choodambikai Mills Co-operative Stores was recommended to the District Rationing Officer as a ration shop under the scheme. The Bellary Central Stores undertook procurement of paddy in Hospet area also and procured 2,641 bags of paddy for distribution locally after converting it into rice. The Madura-Ramnad Co-operative Stores effected sales amounting to Rs. 5,50,000 and it sold articles like

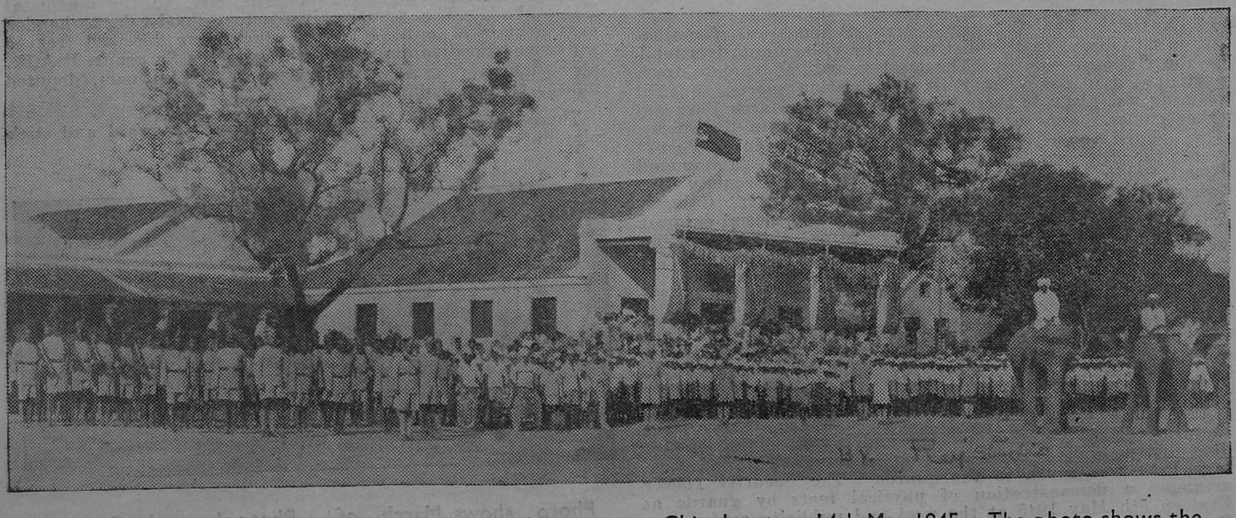

Photo taken on the occasion of the V.E. Day Celebrations at Chingleput on 14th May 1945. The photo shows the Services and the students who took part in the Victory parade

razor blades, aluminium vessels, etc., during the month. The Trichinopoly Central Co-operative Stores maintained a depot at Kolathur village in the Trichinopoly taluk for distribution of rice to landless people and families of soldiers serving in the war. The central and primary co-operative stores in the Vizagapatam district continued to cater to the needs of the public in foodstuffs and other necessaries of life. The primary stores in the district purchased goods worth Rs. 2,84,248 and sold goods worth Rs. 2,48,959 during the month. Out of 2,000 tons of Tanjore paddy, 1,025 tons were allotted to the Madura-Ramnad Co-operative Wholesale Stores for distribution to primary stores. During the month, the Co-operative Wholesale Stores, Chingleput, effected sales to an extent of Rs. 6,92,279. Firewood to the value of Rs. 14,160 was sold to the public of Saidapet. It also executed war orders in supplying rice, wheat and sugar to the total value of Rs. 5,132. The procurement scheme undertaken by the stores worked satisfactorily at Cuddapah, Proddatur and Badvel in the Cuddapah district. In the Tinnevelly district, 81 primary co-operative stores continued to work the informal rationing and the total sales effected by them during the month amounted to Rs. 6,93,159. The Central Co-operative Stores at Tinnevelly sold articles to the value of Rs. 5,34,301. The Chittoor Co-operative Wholesale Stores in Chittoor district continued to supply rice to the retailers in the rationed areas of Tirupati and Chittoor. The Salem Co-operative Stores and the Salem City Stores in the Salem district also turned out good business during the month. The Wholesale Co-operative Stores at Calicut continued the work of procurement and distribution of paddy in the Alathur sub-taluk.

National Savings Scheme.—The investment made by co-operative banks and societies and the officers of the Co-operative Department in various forms of defence savings amounted to Rs. 53,02,779 from 1st April 1944 to 30th April 1945.

War orders.—The Madras and Coimbatore Milk Supply Unions continued to supply fresh milk and milk products to the military. The quantity of milk and the milk products supplied by them during the month was as follows:

	Madras Co-operative Milk Supply Union.	Coimbatore Co-operative Milk Supply Union.
Variety—	LB.	LB.
Milk ..	2,38,586	2,76,278
Butter ..	..	5,827
Cream ..	..	149

The execution of war orders was confined to textile goods and was done by several weavers' societies controlled and guided by the Madras Handloom Weavers Provincial Co-operative Society, Limited. The quantity ordered was 27,39,839 yards and the Provincial Co-operative Society despatched 2,713,944 yards of cloth up to 20th May 1945. The Kodur Fruit Growers Co-operative Society in the Cuddapah district worked satisfactorily under the management of a Deputy Registrar, who was employed in it as business manager and supplied plantains to the military. Enquiries were conducted in Malabar district about the possibility of supplying oranges to military centres through the agency of the Wynad Fruit Growers' Co-operative Society. The Pithapuram Vegetable Growers' Society continued to supply vegetables to the military at Cocanada. The Pithapuram and Rajahmundry Fruit Growers' Soocieties agreed to supply Batavian oranges and mangoes to the military. The Ramnad Egg Production Society supplied 1,857 eggs to the personnel of the Royal Navy and others through the Mandapam Co-operative Stores. The Chingleput District Co-operative Wholesale Stores, Madras, supplied rice, wheat and sugar to the military to the total value of Rs. 5,132.

The Connemara Public Library

The different pamphlets, maps and pictures that were received at this library were regularly placed on the readers' table for the use of the public, the latest items received were (1) Neptune for the use of the Merchant Seamen, (2) Air Sea Rescue, (3) War in Pictures, (4) 'India's Part in the Fifth Year of War' issued by the War Department, (5) Political Wings over Europe, (6) Political Wings over Britain, (7) United Nations Bulletin, (8) Publications of the United States Office of War Information, Hornby Road, Bombay, (9) United News Action Pictures from the Battle of Normandy, (10) War Pictures by British Artists, (11) Far Eastern Bulletin and (12) Journal 'United States of America'.

The Librarian was subscribing Rs. 40 a month to the Defence Savings Provident Fund.

The Educational Department

During the month under report, a sum of Rs. 50 was collected from the members of staff of the Director of Public Instruction's office and out of this sum five prize bonds were purchased.

Thirteen applications from the Subordinates of this department for posts in the Defence Services were received and forwarded with the Director of Public Instruction's recommendations. Of these, 4 were for Emergency Commissions.

The Industrial Department

Madras subdivision.—One H.B. set was engaged for boring for vegetable gardening.

Chingleput subdivision.—Two H.B. sets were engaged throughout the month in conducting trial borings for drinking water. Three T.E. sets were engaged throughout the month for supply of water to military authorities and for the construction of a well and building. S.M. 3 was engaged for supply of water to labourers.

Bezwada division.—Three H.B. sets and two T.E. sets were engaged in supplying fresh water to the R.A.F. personnel.

Tanjore division.—One T.E. set was engaged in supplying water to the aerodrome.

Coimbatore division.—One T.E. set and P.D. set were engaged in connection with water-supply to aerodrome personnel.

Sericultural section—(i) *Mulberry expansion.*—As a result of the propaganda eleven applications for loans for a total amount of Rs. 795 and two applications for assignment of Government waste lands for mulberry cultivation to an extent of six acres were forwarded to Revenue Department. (ii) Seed supply—A quantitiy of 20,00,000 disease-free layings by the Government grainages and a quantity of 3,00,000 disease-free layings by the aided grainages were prepared and distributed to the rearers. (iii) For the production of parachute quality silk 1,16,000 lb. of reelable cocoons were supplied. (iv) During this month collections for the National Savings Certificates amounted to Rs. 145.

Fisheries section.—A sum of Rs. 1,005–6–8 was collected towards the purchase of a 3 per cent Second Victory loan bond of 1959–61 of the face value of Rs. 1,000 (rupees one thousand). Total collections by the subordinates towards His Excellency the Governor's War Fund and D.S. Provident Fund were Rs. 84–12–11 and Rs. 103–8–0 respectively.

Government Textile Institute, Madras.—The General A.R.P. post located in the premises of the Institute was under abolition. The A.R.P. subsidiary scheme in the Government institution was also closed down.

Government School of Technology.—The training of war technicians continued to progress satisfactorily during the month under report. There were 100 technicians in the school under training in various trades.

War Supplies section.—The following items of stores were supplied during the month of May 1945: (i) Cotton camouflage nets 35 feet by 15 feet, 454 nos. (ii) Pith hats, 2,307 nos. The total value of the above stores was Rs. 26,134.

Kollegal Silk Filature, Kollegal.—The following was the production of parachute quality silk in the filature during the month of May 1945:—

		RS.	A.	P.
1. 24/28 Denier "A" quality silk	.. ..	1,200	15	0
2. Do. "B" do.	.. ..	816	14	0
3. Do. Special do.	.. ..	345	7	0
	Total ..	2,453	4	0

A sum of Rs. 835–6–0 was collected towards National Savings Scheme during the month.

Government Industrial School, Madura.—The school gave intensive training in various trades to about 310 trainees during the month. Sixteen trainees were despatched to army units. The night shift worked as usual.

The High Court

Since the savings scheme was started in the High Court in April 1941, the officers and staff have so far purchased Defence Savings Certificates to the value of Rs. 8,200, National Savings Certificates to the value of Rs. 6,300 and prize bonds to the value of Rs. 2,390, making a total investment of Rs. 16,890.

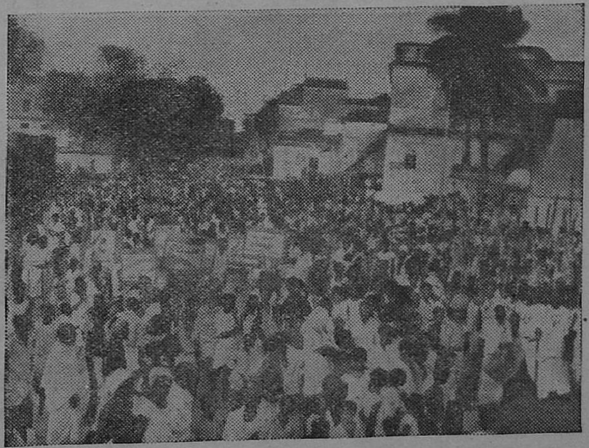

Photo shows a portion of the crowd which participated in the V.E. Day procession in Aruppukkottai.

The Madras Record Office

A sum of Rs. 72 was subscribed to the Defence Savings Provident Fund by the officers and staff of this office. They also contributed Rs. 27 for the purchase of Defence Savings Certificates. The Curator contributed 10 per cent of his salary towards the Defence Savings Provident Fund and Certificates.

The Medical Department

Propaganda measures in connection with recruitment to the I.A.M.C. and other quasi-military medical services were continued during the month under report.

Six visitors were deputed from this Province to visit the Training and Depot Centre, I.A.M.C., Deolali South, during the month of May 1945. It has been decided that in future newly qualified doctors and final year students of Medical Colleges should be deputed to visit the Army Medical Training Centre (India), Poona, from June 1945 onwards, instead of the Training and Depot Centre, I.A.M.C, Deolali South.

One meeting of the Madras Provincial (I.M.S.) Recruitment Committee and one meeting of the Madras Provincial (I.A.M.C.) Recruitment Committee were held during the month to select candidates for appointment in the Military Medical Services.

Recruitment to the I.M.N.S. (T.) and the A.N.S. was continued during the month, as usual.

(*a*) All the paid A.R.P. personnel including establishment and staff of the Casualty Service were served with one month's notice from 1st May 1945 forenoon, as per G.O. No. 1020, Public (Civil Defence), dated 18th April 1945, as Madras was declared a white area.

(*b*) The equipments belonging to the eleven static First Aid Posts and 11 Mobile First Aid Units were collected. No practice was held and no emergency arose.

(*c*) The Special Sanitary Inspectors' Course for the A.R.P. personnel was being conducted at the Madras Medical College. The personnel who attended the course will continue to do so after they are released from service on 1st June 1945.

(*d*) Government have been addressed for sanction to the employment of a small office staff under the Casualty Officer to attend to work connected with the disposal of the Medical and Surgical stores and equipments including first line reserve and other matters relating to accounts, audit and office affairs, beyond 31st May 1945.

The St. John Ambulance Brigade Overseas in Madras took part in march past when His Excellency the Governor took the salute in connection with the Victory Parade held on the 14th May 1945.

The Public Health Department

The Public Health staff delivered a large number of talks and lectures with as well as without magic lantern demonstrations and persuaded the people to join the war services and contribute to small savings.

The Police Department

A sum of Rs. 39–11–3 was subscribed by the men of the Madras City Police towards the War Fund and 13 Police constables of the Madras City Police donated their blood to the Blood Bank in May 1945.

The Port Department

The following contributions were made by the officers and staff of this department towards war effort for the month of May 1945:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Defence Savings Provident Fund	455	0	0
Twelve Years National Savings Certificates	10	0	0
Defence Savings Cards	57	8	0
Price Bonds	50	0	0
Ten-year Defence Savings Certificates	4	0	0

The Registration Department

The reading circles allotted to the several Sub-Registrars in the Presidency were visited by them. The public were informed of the joyful news regarding the defeat of Germany and its unconditional surrender to the Allies. They were instructed to continue their war efforts without abatement till the war in the Pacific against the Japanese was over. Sub-Registrars took active part in the Victory day celebrations.

One application received from a subordinate of this department for appointment in the Defence services was forwarded to the concerned authority.

The Officers of this department realized the following amounts by voluntary contributions from the public towards—

	RS.	A.	P.
(i) National Savings Certificates	28,163	0	0
(ii) Defence Savings Bonds	10,033	8	0
(iii) Defence Savings Bank Account	4,287	0	0
(iv) Victory Loans	3,000	0	0
(v) His Excellency the Governor's War Fund and Soldiers' Club Fund.	537	8	0

Contributions made by the Registration staff towards the following:—

	RS.	A.	P.
(i) Defence Savings Provident Fund	1,128	8	0
(ii) Defence Savings Bank Account	705	0	0

The Veterinary Department

During the month, a sum of Rs. 119–2–8 was collected in the hundi boxes kept at the veterinary institutions and another sum of Rs. 5 was donated by the members of the department and remitted towards His Excellency the Madras Governor's War Fund. Defence savings certificates and stamps to the value of Rs. 39 were purchased by the staff. A sum of Rs. 970–8–0 was contributed by the staff of the department towards Defence Savings Provident Fund.

Propaganda on the usual lines was carried out by the departmental staff for increasing the war effort.

Miscellaneous

Quinine Supply

A quantity of 19,000 lb. of quinine sulphate and 20,000 lb. of cinchona febrifuge allotted by the Government of India for use in this Province during 1945–46 will be distributed in the following manner. The allotment set apart for members of the general public will be converted into tablets of 5 grains of quinine sulphate and 5·2 grains of cinchona febrifuge, each four grains fine, for distribution.

Class of consumers.	Quinine sulphate. LB.	Chinchona febrifuge. LB.
1. Reserve with Government	300	..
2. Government Local Fund and Municipal medical institutions.	4,200	8,000
3. Public Health Department	..	5,000
4. Private medical practitioners	1,000	250
5. Hospitals and dispensaries not under Government control.	900	750
6. Employers of Plantation labour	600	100
7. Employers of non-plantation labour ..	200	50
8. Post offices	7,200	5,250
9. Members of the public who wish to purchase for their own use.	4,600	600
Total ..	19,000	20,000

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KISTNA.—The posters received were distributed among the executive and honorary staff who in turn got them pasted in the conspicuous places.

SALEM.—The posters, war reviews and other propaganda materials received from the Madras Provincial War Committee were promptly distributed throughout this district.

The Kathakalakshepam party was on tour for 18 days. They gave Kathakalakshepam in the Hosur, Denkamcotta sub-taluk, Omalur taluk. Their Kathakalakshepams as well as musical concert were largely attended.

TANJORE.—Propaganda meetings were held at various places in the district and the present war situation was explained to those assembled.

War literature received from time to time were widely distributed and all efforts were made to disseminate the news among the public.

The cinema theatres in this district exhibited National War Front slides and military welfare slides. The staff of the Public Health department exhibited slides through the magic lantern supplied to them.

Pamphlets, leaflets on "Enemy Agents" surrender, etc., received from the Superintendent, Government Press, Madras, and from the Director of War Publicity, Madras, were distributed immediately to the several public institutions, reading rooms, etc., in the district. Posters were prominently exhibited in all conspicuous places.

VIZAGAPATAM.—Magic lantern slides were exhibited in the cinema theatres in the district. The leaflets and posters received were distributed to the National War Front and Revenue officials for wide publicity.

The National War Front staff pasted the posters at conspicuous places in their jurisdictions. They distributed them amongst schools.

Review of Radio Programmes

Madras

At one minute past midnight on Tuesday, the 8th May, 1945, was flashed the welcome news that Nazi Germany had unconditionally surrendered to the Allies. The sigh of relief that went round the world was immediately followed by the rejoicings of the people at this triumph of freedom and democracy over the powers of darkness in Europe. This feeling was well reflected in the special Victory Day programmes broadcast from All-India Radio, Madras, on 14th May 1945. There were special features for women and children and song recitals by T. Suryakumari and B. Rajaratnam, eminent artists of South India. Rao Bahadur G. A. Natesan, former Sheriff of Madras, in a broadcast at 8-30 a.m. expressed thankfulness that the threat of cruel tyranny was at an end and estimated the part played by Indians in achieving this victory. Sir P. T. Rajan who spoke in Tamil lay emphasis on the fact that with Japan still at large in the East, victory cannot be said to be complete. He pleaded for sustained effort for the successful conclusion of the war against Japan. Diwan Bahadur M. Raman spoke in Malayalam and Mr. B Ramachandra Reddi in Telugu on the significance of the Allied victory in Europe. Lt.-Col. S. G. Lemin gave an eye-witness account of the Victory Day proceedings in the Island grounds held under the presidency of His Excellency the Governor of Madras, whose address to the gathering was electrically recorded and broadcast later in the night. His Excellency characterised the victory in Europe as one of the greatest victories of all time, not a victory of one nation over another, but very definitely a victory of right over might and a victory of freedom over slavedom. He paid a glowing tribute to Indian soldiers and thanked the citizens of Madras and the Presidency for the help rendered during the very difficult years of war. The programmes for the day came to a close with a special broadcast for the forces.

Publicity continued to be given during the month to the problems of postwar India. Other topics dealt with were the campaign against hoarding and profiteering, the need for an entirely new conception of international order, the fight against Japan and the education of the public towards all-round economy.

In the series of talks "India of tomorrow" designed to focus public attention on our future plans of development, there were eight broadcasts during the month. Mr. H. R. Dogra, Chief Engineer for Communications, Government of Madras, spoke on 2nd May 1945 and pleaded for a comprehensive scheme of road development as roads are the starting point of all progress. He also wanted the creation of a new department to tackle the problem—the Highway Department. Mr. K. K. Nambiar, Engineer, Corporation of Madras, dwelt upon the same theme in a broadcast on 10th May 1945 and said that a widespread net work of good and cheap communications is necessary for the agricultural, industrial and cultural development of the country. "The Future of Civil Aviation" was the subject of a talk on 16th May 1945 by Dr. R. J. Dyson, Honorary Squadron Leader in the Royal Air Force. In his opinion India is sure to be affected profoundly by civil aviation that the change can scarcely be described as anything but revolutionary. Rao Bahadur V. Ramanatha Ayyar, Deputy Director of Agriculture, Madras, spoke on 30th May 1945 on the various methods of crop planning. "Development of electricity", "Food planning" and "Child welfare" were the subjects of three talks in Telugu on 7th May 1945, 21st May 1945 and 30th May 1945, respectively. Speaking in Tamil on 30th May 1945, Mr. G. Selvapathi Chetti pleaded for better amenities for labour in the interest of healthy industrial development.

Mr. Andrew H. Southorn, Deputy Secretary, Public Department, Madras, gave a talk on 23rd May 1945 on the New International Order in the series "Problems of Peace". He maintained that peace like victory must be won and that the winning of it calls for sacrifices every bit as much as war. There were two talks in Telugu under the same series, one on 16th May 1945 and the other on 28th May 1945, the subjects dealt with being Finance and Surgery.

In a talk on 3rd May 1945 on the regulation of prices in the series "Economics of War Time", Diwan Bahadur K. Narayanan Nayar, Deputy Director-General of Civil Supplies, Madras, explained the activities of the Industrial and Civil Supplies Department in controlling prices and pleaded for the full co-operation of the public in this very difficult task.

Speaking in another series of talks entitled "Work for All", Mr. B. S. Lawrence examined on 5th May 1945, the problem of the conversion of industry from war to peace time production. "Increased standard of living" was the subject dealt with by Mr. P. Govindan Nayar, I.C.S., Under Secretary, Public Department, Government of Madras, on 12th May 1945. He surveyed the various schemes of social insurance intended to safeguard the interests of the working classes.

"Common Cause" was yet another series of talks broadcast during the month. Speaking on 10th May 1945, Dr. P. Rama Rao stressed the necessity of continuing to build up public morale in the fight against hoarding, profiteering and the black market. On 24th May 1945, Mr. Chidambaram Pillai broadcast a talk detailing the heroism of our people in this total war against slavery and oppression.

The war against Japan continued to be featured in rural programmes as well as in special talks. Col. S. J. Lemin in a broadcast on 21st May 1945 described the adventures of the Japanese as suicidal quoting Marshal Chiang-Kai-Shek's famous sentence "The Japanese adventures may be likened to a draught of poison taken to quench thirst."

There were five talks during the month, analysing enemy propaganda. Mr. John Spiers, Editor, "Madras War Review", exposed in his talk on 17th May 1945 the unsuccessful attempts of the Japanese to sow confusion and discord among the Allies.

Publicity was regularly given to convictions under the Hoarding, Profiteering Prevention Ordinance with a view to educate the public and also to deter the profiteers from their unpatriotic course.

Considerable publicity was given to the Madras soldiers fighting in the various theatres of the war in the programme "Fighting Forces" arranged by the Inter-services Public Relations Directorate, Southern Army.

There were regular relays from the British Broadcasting Company of "World Affairs" and "Politics of Freedom." The Victory Day broadcasts of His Majesty, the King Emperor and the Right Hon'ble Winston Churchill were also relayed.

News talks in Kannada and Malayalam continued to be broadcast every evening, with weekly reviews on Sundays.

The total number of such topical items broadcast during the month was 140.

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While jubilation over the victory in Europe was natural, it was, however, necessary to whip up enthusiasm for a more vigorous prosecution of the war against Japan. Hopes were also high that a general all-round plenty would quickly take the place of want, self-denial and discomfort; and this unrealistic attitude has to be dispelled if not countered by means of balanced and suitable publicity to show that everything was being planned by the Government not only for the immediate well-being of the people but for a long view reconstruction of the country for prosperity.

Talks.—In the series entitled "India tomorrow" eminent men with the necessary equipment were invited to discuss a few of the many post-war problems which would come before the Government for attention. Mr. T. S. Krishnan, Member, Provincial Committee for Post-war Reconstruction, spoke on "Transport problems" on 2nd May 1945; Mr. T. R. Parthasarathi, Harvey Mills, on "State and Industry" on 9th May 1945 and Captain R. S. Kuppusami Ayyangar on "Houses for all" on 16th May 1945. In the Tamil series "Nalaya India", "Irrigation problems" was one of the subjects discussed on the 12th by Rao Sahib L. M. Paramasivam Pillai, a member of the Provincial Committee for Post-war Reconstruction, and Dr. T. S. S. Rajan (Ex-Minister for Health) on "Grama Sukhadara Sevai" on the 19th. In the series of talks in English on "Federal Constitutions" well-known students of political science discuss the various types of Federal Constitutions as they are obtaining today. The Swiss Constitution was the subject of a talk by Professor S. Thothadri Ayyangar on the 6th. Among the many programmes specially arranged for the Victory Day celebrations on the 14th, the following talks were broadcast: "Women and reconstruction", talk in Tamil by Dr. Mary Monsingh, "Waging peace", talk in Tamil to students by Rao Sahib M. K. Anandar, District Organizer, National War Front, Trichinopoly, "Victory in Europe", talk in Tamil by Sir P. T. Rajan, Ex-Minister, Regional Leader, National War Front, Madura, and Sir R. K. Shanmukham Chetti, K.C.I.E., spoke on the same subject in English.

The series "Ourselves and the War" as usual was broadcast on Tuesdays for which the talkers were arranged by the District War Committee. The talkers uniformly stressed the need for continued vigorous war effort against Japan. Mr. A. P. Mohamed Sultan in his talk on "Now for Japan" emphasized the fact that Japan was still formidable and that only unwavering and unflinching struggle would bring about the defeat of Japan. The same aspect was dealt with also in talks for women as well as for the student listeners.

With regard to the drive for recruitment, mention must be made of the talk by Major A. W. Strang of the South Indian Railway, Tanjore, on the 23rd who spoke on the great opportunities which the Government Technical schemes offer for the youth of the country for not only rendering useful service to the country in war time but also to acquire qualifications for careers in peace time. Subjects such as controls, rationing, saving schemes besides those dealing with the victory in Europe were dealt with in our weekly talks under the series "Background to the News" by Rao Bahadur Poondi A. Veerayya Vandayar, Professor Thomas Srinivasan and Mr. A. M. J. Dhanaswami, Advocate, Trichinopoly.

Besides our usual relays of the British Broadcasting Company features, World Affairs and Politics of Freedom on Fridays and Mondays there were a few more important relays during the month consequent upon the victory in Europe. A message on the cessation of hostilities in Europe by the Rt. Hon'ble Winston Churchill was relayed on the 8th; and His Majesty the King's V.E. Day broadcast at 1-30 a.m. on the following day was relayed, a recording of which was rebroadcast later at 7-15 a.m. and 1-40 p.m. A talk by Sir Sultan Ahmed, Honourable Member for Information and Broadcasting, on "Victory in Europe" was relayed from Delhi the same day. In a special transmission on the 13th between 10 and 11 a.m. the thanksgiving service was relayed from the St. John's Church, Cantonment, which was conducted by the Chaplain, the Reverend D. R. Bazely. An outside broadcast was arranged on the 14th from the Puthur Maidan in connection with the Victory Day celebrations which included an address on "Victory in Europe" during the parade by Col. O. T. Durrant and its translation in Tamil immediately after by Rao Sahib M. K. Anandar. Rao Bahadur G. A. Natesan's talk on Victory in Europe was relayed from the Madras Centre of All-India Radio on the same day. Mr. Churchill's talk that day was electrically recorded and rebroadcast twice during the day.

In our series, "Last time I saw", electrical recording of talks by Lt.-Col. Gordon Wilson on "The Balkans" and "Palm tree and desert" were broadcast on 13th and 27th instant respectively, in which the talker recounted interesting experiences of his in the countries and places he has visited. These talks, in treatment and presentation, provided much background for understanding the issues of war with reference to the countries he dealt with. Electrical recordings of All-India Radio commentary continued to be broadcast on Wednesdays. A recording of messages from troops stationed in Ceylon was broadcast on 13th May 1945. Recordings of talks by Mr. W. H. Mitchell, District Collector, Trichinopoly, and Khan Bahadur P. Sharfuddin, District Judge, Tellicherry, at the public meeting in connection with the V.E. Day celebrations were put over at 8-35 p.m.

Special broadcasts on V.E. Day included plays, features and songs, viz., (1) For children conducted by the Radio Anna, (2) The Village Rally by N. Vasudev for the villagers, and (3) "For valour", a play in Tamil by L. Nataraja Moopanar; Vettri Murasu was a song specially composed for the occasion by "Guhan" which was suitably set to music and rendered by the Radio vadhya goshti. And another song specially composed by Mr. K. M. Balasubramaniam, Song Publicity Officer, was broadcast in the evening in the village programmes.

Security education, savings campaign, etc., were carried on during the month both in the form of slogans as well as in talks of short duration so sandwiched between programmes that the listener may not miss them. Topical items of news continued to be made use of both in our educational and rural hours.

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